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PREFACE

THE public reading of the Holy Scriptures has fallen upon very sad days, in respect of the Old Testament, in all churches which have no lectionary established and commanded. The duties of a professorship, rather than the care of a church, have for a third of a century carried me on various errands of preaching, lecturing, attendance upon committees or conventions into many Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. In them all I have seldom found provision made for anything like a regular reading of two lessons, one from the Old and the other from the New Testament. In many a selection of the Psalter is read responsively, and then the New Testament lesson, while the Law, the Prophets, and the Wise Men bring no word to common worship and instruction. If the preacher intends to preach from an Old Testament text, he may read the passage, or one related to it; or if his text be from the New Testament, he may make use of some Old Testament lesson which points toward it or gives it some light or contrast. Apart from these or other more or less related instances the reading of the Old Testament in the ears of a worshipping congregation has disappeared from among us, but for the few, here or there, who love it and are deeply conscious that it has a living message for to-day.

Wherever and whenever the Old Testament is read at all the selection from it tends strongly, among these great and powerful churches, toward the repetition of a few favorite passages which run in a little

round and very largely in Isaiah. Beyond this the great deeps of the divine story, or address of God to the souls of men, lie unexplored, or but lightly traversed. So much is this true in my experience that I used to say at times in my Old Testament lecture room that I had never heard a passage from Jeremiah read in the public congregation. Then one day one of my own students, preaching in the chapel, read from the greatest of the prophets, having quietly remarked to his fellows in advance that I should never be able to say that again! The sense of humor has happily not departed from theological students!

As the years went forward I found myself more and more lamenting the neglect of the Old Testament, and as far as my feeble voice could reach urging young men entering the ministry to find some way, each for himself, to better the condition, to make the prophets, at least, vocal once more. Perhaps it helped. I do not know. But I kept turning it over in my mind seeking some way of encouragement and help until in 1912 I began to make a little Old Testament lectionary, and only now is it finished and very humbly and earnestly and imploringly offered for any use little or much that few or many may find for it.

In the Introduction (Vol. II) I have written a little sketch of the story of the rise and development of lectionaries; I would it might be read, for it should suggest that we have made far less use of the Old Testament in these days than our fathers, whether spiritually ours in Judaism or more closely ours in Protestantism. I could not look forward very hopefully toward the adoption of any scheme of lessons

for twice on Sunday, nor for lessons that were very long. I have therefore made lessons for but one service, but with a goodly selection beyond the ordinary year and alternatives from which an evening lesson might be drawn when occasion served. The lessons are arranged according to the church year, but there is no special need so to use them unless one wills. Very few are so closely attached to any church season that they might not be quite appropriately read at any other season. If one would follow closely or slightly the church year, the calendar will make it easy to find the day; if not, the lessons are numbered simply, and the index will make it easy to find any one.

The choice of these lessons has been spread over years. Some come from the old Church of England lessons, others from the new plan of the same church, to which allusion is made in the Introduction. Some come from John Wesley's selection, others from the lectionaries of the churches of Lutheranism both European and American; still others have been suggested by selections made for literary quality such as the beautiful one by Sir James George Frazer,¹ and perhaps a very few are personal. The list has suffered many revisions, passages have gone in and been taken out, some have been shortened and others lengthened. The order has been bettered, and, alas! perhaps worsened, while the list has lain for weeks or months before another revision; but enthusiasm and interest never died out.

The text chosen is in the most part simply the Revised Version, not the American Standard. It

¹ *Passages from the Bible Chosen for Their Literary Beauty and Interest.* 1895. 2nd Ed., 1909.

has been carefully compared with the Hebrew Text and then treated conservatively and tenderly but with the eye ever fixed on its purpose. It is not for the study, but for public oral reading. It ought not to have a strange, but a familiar sound, yet, if possible, it should convey meaning to the ear, not merely to the eye. Therefore, when sense demanded and Hebrew permitted or required, I have changed a word or altered a phrase; or when the Septuagint offered what seemed a better sense, it has occasionally been followed, and in a very few cases even a conjectural emendation adopted. I hope this has all been done discreetly; it has surely been done cautiously and advisedly. Let him who likes it not change it with his pen before he reads.

If these lessons are to be of real use and value to God's people, they must be taken seriously and used after every effort has been made to make intelligent practice of them. No man will move a congregation to interest or give it real instruction who is not instructed and interested himself. If it be well worth while to preach the Word after all possible preparation, it is surely well worth while to read with understanding from the Holy Scriptures. As a slight help I have been so bold as to write a few words of introduction and annotation for each lesson. They are offered very modestly and with much hesitation. They make not the slightest pretension of forming a Commentary, and there are no earthquaking discoveries in them. They may be too slight to be of use—then pass them by and take time and pains to consult the great commentaries. They may contain suggestions as to date, authorship, or meaning contrary to your views, dear Reader—then leave them coldly

alone and betake you to the text itself. Do not permit them to spoil your hope of instructing the people out of God's Word simply because man's comment has seemed unwise, ill advised, unnecessary, or even foolish. But in your own way and after your own general view of the Scriptures as a whole make yourself familiar with the lesson you are to read and then read it as though you thought it was really a message from God through his servants or an account of his dealing with them. Read weightily, earnestly, at times with deep solemnity, and God's people will listen. How should one expect them to listen or to care if the Bible be read, as I have sometimes heard it, as though preacher or pastor cared nothing for it, and would hasten swiftly over it?

Should you sometimes pause in the reading to give an explanation or a word of exposition and enforcement? I dare not answer that with any assurance. I have heard Spurgeon do it with telling effect, with perfect taste and quite evidently with profit. But it was not done by chance or in a passing whim. He had thought it out in advance, and the congregation was prepared and expectant. It was indeed a wonderful sight to see six thousand people open their Bibles when the moment for reading had come, and then find the place when he had announced the passage to be read. He waited until the whisper of swiftly turned pages had ceased, and then read and paused over a difficult phrase and spoke when he thought it was needed. It was wonderfully done. But he was a consummate master of the art. If it be not very well done, perhaps 'twere better left undone.

How should the lesson be introduced? This also must have a very doubtful answer. The committee

which carried out a Revision of the Lectionary of the Church of England has a word in its report about this, which runs thus: "We are of opinion that the reading of Lessons in church would become more generally instructive if they were prefaced by a brief Introduction; and that an Authorized Book of such Introductions might advantageously be issued." This has not yet been done, but I should like to venture a suggestion to the Reader that he sometimes try to give a few words to an effort to prepare the people's minds for the lesson which is to follow. But, again, it were better left undone than done without thought and care. Let us do honor to the Scriptures by the word with which we introduce them, not dishonor them with some lightly tossed word, cheaply bought, pointless and without weight. Yet it were easier to omit than to make wise comment before or during the reading and somebody should be wisely daring and try it.

Finally, O thou that shall read to God's people out of Holy Writ, dost thou miss here some great passage? I should not wonder at that. Never mind. Use your liberty which this book is not intended to abridge and read what you will. I have meant only to help, but I plead in extenuation of faults and omissions that I have not been hasty, for eight years have passed since the book was begun, and much thought and time and care, aye, and labor also have gone into it. May God bless the effort and the result to the good of Christ's Church.

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I

First Sunday in Advent

JEREMIAH 31. 10-14, 27-34

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, 10 31
and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He
that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep
him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD 11
hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from
the hand of him that was stronger than he. And 12
they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,
and shall flow together unto the goodness of the
LORD, to the corn, and to the wine, and to the
oil, and to the young of the flock and of the
herd: and their soul shall be as a watered
garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at
all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, 13
and the young men and the old together: for
I will turn their mourning into joy, and will
comfort them, and make them rejoice from
their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the 14
priests with fatness, and my people shall be
satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that 27
I will sow the house of Israel and the house
of Judah with the seed of man, and with the
seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that 28
like as I have watched over them to pluck up
and to break down, and to overthrow and to

destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over
29 them to build and to plant, saith the LORD. In
those days they shall say no more, The fathers
have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth
30 are set on edge. But every one shall die for
his own iniquity: every man that eateth the
sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that
I will make a new covenant with the house of
32 Israel, and with the house of Judah: not ac-
cording to the covenant that I made with their
fathers in the day that I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which
my covenant they brake, although I was an
33 husband unto them, saith the LORD. But this
is the covenant that I will make with the house
of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I
will put my law in their inward parts, and in
their heart will I write it; and I will be their
34 God, and they shall be my people: and they
shall teach no more every man his neighbor,
and every man his brother, saying, Know the
LORD: for they shall all know me, from the
least of them unto the greatest of them, saith
the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and
their sin will I remember no more.

II

Second Sunday in Advent

MICAH 4. 1-7; 5. 2-4

But in the latter days it shall come to pass, 1 4
that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be
established in the top of the mountains, and it
shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples
shall flow unto it. And many nations shall go 2
and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the
mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the
God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways,
and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion
shall go forth instruction, and the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge 3
between many peoples, and shall arbitrate for
strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their
swords into plowshares, and their spears into
pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword
against nation, neither shall they learn war any
more. But they shall sit every man under 4
his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall
make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD
of hosts hath spoken it. For all the peoples 5
do walk every one in the name of his god, but
we will walk in the name of the LORD our God
for ever and ever.

In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble 6
her that halteth, and I will gather her that is

7 driven away, and her that I have afflicted; and I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth even for ever.

5 2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from
3 of old, from ancient days. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the residue of his brethren shall return unto the children of
4 Israel. And he shall stand, and shall feed *his flock* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

III

Third Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 40. 1-17, 27-31

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith 1 40
your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusa- 2
lem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is
accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned;
that she hath received of the LORD'S hand
double for all her sins.

The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in 3
the wilderness the way of the LORD, make
straight in the desert a high way for our God.
Every valley shall be exalted, and every moun- 4
tain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked
shall be made straight, and the rough places
plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be 5
revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for
the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The 6
voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What
shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the
goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because 7
the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely
the people is grass. The grass withereth, the 8
flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall
stand for ever.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, 9
get thee up into the high mountain; O thou

- that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that give suck.
- Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.
- Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my

judgment is passed away from my God? Hast 28
thou not known? hast thou not heard? the
everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the
ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary;
there is no searching of his understanding. He 29
giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath
no might he increaseth strength. Even the 30
youths shall faint and be weary, and the young
men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon 31
the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,
and not be weary; they shall walk, and not
faint.

IV

Fourth Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 10. 33—11. 9 AND 12. 1-6

- 10 33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall
lop the boughs with terror: and those that have
grown high shall be hewn down, and the lofty
34 shall be brought low. And he shall cut
down the thickets of the forest with iron, and
Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.
- 11 1 And there shall come forth a shoot out of
the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his
2 roots shall bear fruit: and the spirit of the
LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of counsel and
might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear
3 of the LORD; and his delight shall be in the
fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after
the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the
4 hearing of his ears: but with righteousness
shall he judge the poor, and reprove with
equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall
smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and
with the breath of his lips shall he slay the
5 wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle
of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his
6 reins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling

together; and a little child shall lead them.
And the cow and the bear shall feed; their 7
young ones shall lie down together: and the
lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the 8
sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the
viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy 9
in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall
be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the
waters cover the sea.

And in that day thou shalt say, I will give 1 12
thanks unto thee, O LORD; for though thou
wast angry with me, thine anger is turned
away, and thou comfortest me. Behold, God 2
is my salvation; I will trust, and will not
be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength
and song; and he is become my salvation.
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of 3
the wells of salvation. And in that day shall 4
ye say, Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon
his name, declare his doings among the peo-
ples, make mention that his name is exalted.
Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excel- 5
lent things: let this be known in all the earth.
Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of 6
Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in
the midst of thee.

V

Christmas Day

ISAIAH 7. 10-14; 9. 2-7

- 7 10 And the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, say-
11 ing, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it
12 either in the depth, or in the height above. But
Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt
13 the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house
of David; is it a small thing for you to weary
14 men, that ye will weary my God also? There-
fore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;
behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.
- 9 2 The people that walked in darkness have
seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land
of the shadow of death, upon them hath the
3 light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation,
thou hast increased their joy: they joy before
thee according to the joy in harvest, as men
4 rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the
yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as
5 in the day of Midian. For all the armor of
the armed man in the tumult, and the gar-
ments rolled in blood, shall even be for burning,
6 for fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given; and the government
shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall

be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the 7
increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this.

VI

First Sunday after Christmas

ISAIAH 32. 1-5 AND 35. 1-10

- 32 1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,
2 and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man
shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and
a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in
a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a
3 weary land. And the eyes of them that see
shall not be dim, and the ears of them that
4 hear shall hearken. The heart also of the
hasty shall understand knowledge, and the
tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to
5 speak plainly. The fool shall be no more called
liberal, nor the crafty said to be bountiful.
- 35 1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall
be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blos-
2 som as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory
of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excel-
lency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the
glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.
- 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm
4 the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a
fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your
God will come *with* vengeance, *with* the recom-
pense of God; he will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and

the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then 6
shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the
tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wil-
derness shall waters break out, and streams in
the desert. And the glowing sand shall be- 7
come a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of
water: in the habitation of jackals, where they
lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And 8
an high way shall be there, and a way, and it
shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean
shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those:
the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err
therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any 9
ravenous beast go up thereon, they shall not
be found there; but the redeemed shall walk
there: and the ransomed of the LORD shall 10
return, and come with singing unto Zion; and
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they
shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and
sighing shall flee away.

VII

Second Sunday after Christmas

ISAIAH 42. 1-16

42 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my
chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have
put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth
2 judgment to the nations. He shall not cry,
nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in
3 the street. A bruised reed shall he not break,
and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he
4 shall bring forth judgment in truth. He shall
not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set
judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait
5 for his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that
created the heavens, and stretched them forth;
he that spread abroad the earth and that which
cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto
the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk
6 therein: I the LORD have called thee in right-
eousness, and will hold thine hand, and will
keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the
7 people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the
blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of
8 the prison house. I am the LORD; that is my
name: and my glory will I not give to another,
9 neither my praise unto graven images. Behold,
the former things are come to pass, and new

things do I declare: before they spring forth
I tell you of them.

Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his 10
praise from the end of the earth; ye that go
down to the sea, and all that is therein, the
isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the 11
wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their*
voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let
the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout
from the top of the mountains. Let them give 12
glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in
the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a 13
mighty man; he shall stir up jealousy like a
man of war: he shall cry, yea, he shall shout
aloud; he shall do mightily against his enemies.
I have long time holden my peace; I have been 14
still, and refrained myself: *now* will I cry out
like a travailing woman; I will gasp and pant
together. I will make waste mountains and 15
hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make
the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools.
And I will bring the blind by a way that they 16
know not; in paths that they know not will I
lead them: I will make darkness light before
them, and crooked places straight. These
things will I do, and I will not forsake them.

VIII

First Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 44. 6-23

- 44 6 Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the
first, and I am the last; and beside me there
7 is no God. And who is like me? Let him
stand, and proclaim, and declare it, and set it
in order for me, since I appointed the ancient
people? and the things that are coming, and
that shall come to pass, let them declare.
8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not de-
clared unto thee of old, and showed it? and ye
are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me?
9 yea, there is no Rock; I know not any. They
that fashion a graven image are all of them
vanity; and their delectable things shall not
profit: and their own witnesses see not, nor
10 know; that they may be ashamed. Who hath
fashioned a god, or molten a graven image
11 that is profitable for nothing? Behold, all his
fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen,
they are of men: let them all be gathered to-
gether, let them stand up; they shall fear, they
12 shall be ashamed together. The smith *maketh*
an axe, and worketh in the coals, and fash-
ioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with
his strong arm: yea, he is hungry, and his

strength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is
 faint. The carpenter stretcheth out a line; he 13
 marketh it out with a pencil; he shapeth it
 with planes, and he marketh it out with the
 compasses, and shapeth it after the figure of a
 man, according to the beauty of a man, to
 dwell in the house. He heweth him down 14
 cedars, and taketh the holm tree and the oak,
 and strengtheneth for himself one among the
 trees of the forest: he planteth a fir tree, and
 the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for 15
 a man to burn; and he taketh thereof, and
 warmeth himself; yea, he kindleth it, and
 baketh bread: yea, he maketh a god, and wor-
 shipeth it; he maketh it graven image, and
 falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof 16
 in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he
 roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth
 himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have
 seen the fire: and the residue thereof he maketh 17
 a god, even his graven image: he falleth down
 unto it and worshipeth, and prayeth unto it,
 and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.
 They know not, neither do they consider: for 18
 he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see;
 and their hearts, that they cannot understand.
 And none calleth to mind, neither is there 19
 knowledge nor understanding to say, I have
 burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have
 baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have

roasted flesh and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall
20 down to the stock of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 Remember these things, O Jacob; and Israel, for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt
22 not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have
23 redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens, for the LORD hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel.

IX

Second Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 55. 1-13

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the 1 55
 waters, and he that hath no money; come ye,
 buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price. Wherefore 2
 do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
 and your labor for that which satisfieth not?
 hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that
 which is good, and let your soul delight itself in
 fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; 3
 hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make
 an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure
 mercies of David. Behold, I have given him 4
 for a witness to the peoples, a leader and com-
 mander to the peoples. Behold, thou shalt call 5
 a nation that thou knowest not, and a nation
 that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because
 of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of
 Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, 6
 call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked 7
 forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his
 thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD,
 and he will have mercy upon him; and to our
 God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my 8
 thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are

- 9 your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts
- 10 than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the
- 11 sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the
- 12 thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field
- 13 shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

X

Third Sunday after Epiphany

HOSEA 11. 1—12. 6

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, 111
 and called my son out of Egypt, and the more 2
 I called them, the farther they went from me:
 they sacrificed unto the Baals, and burned
 incense to graven images. Yet I taught Eph- 3
 raim to walk; I took them on my arms; but
 they knew not that I healed them. I drew 4
 them with cords of a man, with bands of love;
 and I was to them as they that take off the
 yoke on their jaws, and I laid food before
 them. He shall return into the land of Egypt; 5
 and the Assyrian shall be his king, because
 they refused to return. How shall I give thee 8
 up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel?
how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I
 set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within
 me, my compassions are kindled together.
 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, 9
 I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am
 God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst
 of thee: and I will not come to destroy. They 10
 shall walk after the LORD, who shall roar like
 a lion: for he shall roar, and the children shall
 come hurrying from the west. They shall 11
 come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as

a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith the LORD.

- 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit: and Judah is yet wayward with God, and with the
- ,12 1 Holy One who is faithful. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he continually multiplieth lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is
- 2 carried into Egypt. The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings
- 3 will he recompense him. In the womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his manhood he
- 4 had power with God: yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him at Beth-el,
- 5 and there he spake with him; even the LORD, the God of hosts; the LORD is his memorial.
- 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

XI

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

AMOS 8

Thus the Lord GOD showed me: and behold, 1 8
 a basket of summer fruit. And he said, Amos, 2
 what seest thou? And I said, A basket of
 summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me,
 The end is come upon my people Israel; I will
 not again pass by them any more. And the 3
 songs of the temple shall be howlings in that
 day, saith the Lord GOD: the dead bodies shall
 be many; in every place shall they cast them
 forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that would 4
 swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the
 land to fail, saying, When will the new moon 5
 be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sab
 bath, that we may set forth wheat? making the
 ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing
 falsely with balances of deceit; that we may 6
 buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair
 of shoes, and sell the refuse of the wheat.
 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of 7
 Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their
 works. Shall not the land tremble for this, and 8
 every one mourn that dwelleth therein? yea, it
 shall rise up wholly like the River; and it shall
 be troubled and sink again, like the River of
 Egypt. ' And it shall come to pass in that day, 9

saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth
10 in the clear day. And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and
11 the end thereof as a bitter day. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of
12 the LORD. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the
13 LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for
14 thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As thy God, O Dan, liveth; and, As the way of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

XII

fifth Sunday after Epiphany

EZEKIEL 33. 1-20

And the word of the LORD came unto me, 1 33
 saying, Son of man, speak to the children of 2
 thy people, and say unto them, When I bring
 the sword upon a land, if the people of the land
 take a man from among them, and set him for
 their watchman: if, when he seeth the sword 3
 come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and
 warn the people; then whosoever heareth the 4
 sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning,
 if the sword come, and take him away, his blood
 shall be upon his own head. He heard the 5
 sound of the trumpet, and took not warning;
 his blood shall be upon him: whereas if he had
 taken warning he should have delivered his 6
 soul. But if the watchman see the sword 6
 come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people
 be not warned, and the sword come, and take
 any person from among them; he is taken
 away for his iniquity, but his blood will I re-
 quire at the watchman's hand. So thou, son 7
 of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the
 house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my
 mouth, and give them warning from me.
 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, 8
 thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak

to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die for his iniquity, but his blood
9 will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die for his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

- 10 And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then should we live?
- 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why
12 will ye die, O house of Israel? And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness: neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that
13 he sinneth. When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, for it shall he die.
- 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do

that which is lawful and right; if the wicked 15
restore the pledge, give again that he had taken
by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, commit-
ting no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall
not die. None of his sins that he hath com- 16
mitted shall be remembered against him: he
hath done that which is lawful and right; he
shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people 17
say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as
for them, their way is not equal. When the 18
righteous turneth from his righteousness, and
committeth iniquity, he shall even die therein.
And when the wicked turneth from his wicked- 19
ness, and doeth that which is lawful and right,
he shall live thereby. Yet ye say, The way of 20
the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will
judge you every one after his ways.

XIII

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

EZEKIEL 34. 1-16, 25-31

34 1 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
2 saying, Son of man, prophesy against the
shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto
them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the
Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel
that do feed themselves! should not the shep-
3 herds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye
clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings;
4 but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased have
ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that
which was sick, neither have ye bound up that
which was broken, neither have ye brought
again that which was driven away, neither have
ye sought that which was lost; but with force
5 and with rigor have ye ruled over them. And
they were scattered, because there was no shep-
herd: and they became meat to all the beasts
6 of the field, and were scattered. My sheep
wandered through all the mountains, and upon
every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered
upon all the face of the earth; and there was
none that did search or seek *after them*.
7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the
8 LORD: As I live, saith the Lord God, surely
forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my

sheep became meat to all the beasts of the field,
 because there was no shepherd, neither did my
 shepherds search for my sheep, but the shep-
 herds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep;
 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the 9
 LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am 10
 against the shepherds; and I will require my
 sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease
 from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shep-
 herds feed themselves any more; and I will
 deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they
 may not be meat for them. For thus saith the 11
 Lord GOD: Behold, I myself, even I, will search
 for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a 12
 shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that
 he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad,
 so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver
 them out of all places whither they have been
 scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I 13
 will bring them out from the peoples, and
 gather them from the countries, and will bring
 them into their own land; and I will feed them
 upon the mountains of Israel, by the water-
 courses, and in all the inhabited places of the
 country. I will feed them with good pasture, 14
 and upon the mountains of the height of Israel
 shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in
 a good fold, and on fat pasture shall they feed
 upon the mountains of Israel. I myself will 15
 feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie

- 16 down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and will bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was
- 25 sick: And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall
- 27 be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand
- 28 of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall
- 29 make them afraid. And I will raise up unto them a plantation of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.
- 30 And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God.
- 31 And ye are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

XIV

Septuagesima Sunday

GENESIS 1. 1—2. 3

In the beginning God created the heaven and 1 1
the earth. And the earth was waste and void; 2
and darkness was upon the face of the deep:
and the spirit of God moved upon the face of
the waters. And God said, Let there be light: 3
and there was light. And God saw the light, 4
that it was good: and God divided the light
from the darkness. And God called the light 5
Day, and the darkness he called Night. And
there was evening and there was morning,
one day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in 6
the midst of the waters, and let it divide the
waters from the waters. And God made the 7
firmament, and divided the waters which were
under the firmament from the waters which
were above the firmament: and it was so.
And God called the firmament Heaven. And 8
there was evening and there was morning,
a second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the 9
heaven be gathered together unto one place,
and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
And God called the dry land Earth; and the 10
gathering together of the waters called he Seas:

- 11 and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herb yielding seed, *and* fruit tree bearing fruit after its kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth:
- 12 and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after its kind, and tree bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after its kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for
- 15 seasons, and for days and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- 16 And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.
- 17 And God set them in the firmament of the
- 18 heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God
- 19 saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- 20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open
- 21 firmament of heaven. And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature

that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kinds, and every winged fowl after its kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be 22 fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And there was evening and there was morning, 23 a fifth day.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the 24 living creature after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind: and it was so. And God made the beast 25 of the earth after its kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make 26 man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. And God created man in his own image, in the 27 image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them: and 28 God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God 29 said, Behold, I have given you every herb

yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for
30 food: and to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, *I have given* every green herb for food:
31 and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 1 And the heaven and the earth were finished,
2 and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his
3 work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it: because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.

XV

Sexagesima Sunday

GENESIS 3

Now the serpent was more subtil than any 1 3
beast of the field which the LORD God had
made. And he said unto the woman, Yea,
hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of
the garden? And the woman said unto the 2
serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden
we may eat: but of the fruit of the tree which 3
is in the midst of the garden, God hath said,
Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it,
lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the 4
woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth 5
know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your
eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God,
knowing good and evil. And when the woman 6
saw that the tree was good for food, and that it
was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was
to be desired to make one wise, she took of
the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also
unto her husband with her, and he did eat.
And the eyes of them both were opened, and 7
they knew that they were naked; and they
sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves
aprons. And they heard the voice of the 8
LORD God walking in the garden in the cool
of the day: and the man and his wife hid them-

- selves from the presence of the LORD God
9 amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD
God called unto the man, and said unto him,
10 Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy
voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I
11 was naked; and I hid myself. And he said,
Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast
thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded
12 thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man
said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with
me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What
is this thou hast done? And the woman said,
14 The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And
the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because
thou hast done this, cursed art thou above all
cattle, and above every beast of the field;
upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt
15 thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put
enmity between thee and the woman, and be-
tween thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise
16 thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto
the woman he said, I will greatly multiply
thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou
shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall
be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast
hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast
eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee,
saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the

ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it
all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles 18
shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat
the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face 19
shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the
ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust
thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
And the man called his wife's name Eve; 20
because she was the mother of all living.
And the LORD God made for Adam and for 21
his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is 22
become as one of us, to know good and evil;
and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take
also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for
ever: therefore the LORD God sent him forth 23
from the garden of Eden, to till the ground
from whence he was taken. So he drove out 24
the man; and he placed at the east of the
garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of
a sword which turned every way, to keep the
way of the tree of life.

XVI

Quinquagesima Sunday

GENESIS 6. 5-8, 13-22; 7. 23, 24; 9. 8-17

- 6 5 And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was
6 only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and
7 it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and fowl of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will
14 destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without
15 with pitch. And this is how thou shalt make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of
16 it thirty cubits. A light shalt thou make to the ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it upward; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and
17 third stories shalt thou make it. And I,

behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; every thing that is in the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of the fowl after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

And every living thing was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping thing, and fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that

is with you, the fowl, the cattle, and every
beast of the earth with you; of all that go out
11 of the ark, even every beast of the earth. And
I will establish my covenant with you; neither
shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters
of the flood; neither shall there any more be
12 a flood to destroy the earth. And God said,
This is the token of the covenant which I make
between me and you and every living creature
that is with you, for perpetual generations:
13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be
for a token of a covenant between me and the
14 earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring
a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be
15 seen in the cloud, and I will remember my
covenant, which is between me and you and
every living creature of all flesh; and the
waters shall no more become a flood to destroy
16 all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud;
and I will look upon it, that I may remember
the everlasting covenant between God and
every living creature of all flesh that is upon
17 the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is
the token of the covenant which I have estab-
lished between me and all flesh that is upon
the earth.

XVII

First Sunday in Lent

JEREMIAH 8. 4-22

Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus 4 8
saith the LORD: Shall men fall, and not rise up
again? shall one turn away, and not return?
Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden 5
back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast
deceit, they refuse to return. I hearkened and 6
heard, but they spake not aright: no man
repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What
have I done? every one turneth away in his
course, as a horse that rusheth headlong in the
battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth 7
her appointed times; and the turtle and the
swallow and the crane observe the time of their
coming; but my people know not the ordinance
of the LORD. How do ye say, We are wise, 8
and the law of the LORD is with us? But, be-
hold, the false pen of the scribes hath wrought
falsely. The wise men are ashamed, they are 9
dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the
word of the LORD; and what manner of wisdom
is in them? Therefore will I give their wives 10
unto others, and their fields to them that shall
possess them: for every one from the least even
unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from
the prophet even unto the priest every one

- 11 dealeth falsely. And they have healed the hurt
of the daughter of my people lightly, saying,
12 Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were
they ashamed when they had committed abom-
ination? nay, they were not at all ashamed,
neither could they blush: therefore shall they
fall among them that fall: in the time of their
visitation they shall be cast down, saith the
13 LORD. I will utterly consume them, saith the
LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor
figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and
the things that I have given them shall pass
14 away from them. Why do we sit still? assemble
yourselves, and let us enter into the defensed
cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD
our God hath put us to silence, and given us
water of gall to drink, because we have sinned
15 against the LORD. We looked for peace, but
no good came; *and* for a time of healing, and
16 behold dismay! The snorting of his horses is
heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing
of his strong ones the whole land trembleth;
for they are come, and have devoured the land
and all that is in it; the city and those that
17 dwell therein. For, behold, I will send ser-
pents, adders, among you, which will not be
charmed; and they shall bite you, saith the
LORD.
- 18 Oh that I could comfort myself against
19 sorrow! my heart is faint within me. Behold,

the voice of the cry of the daughter of my
people from a land that is very far off: Is not
the LORD in Zion? is not her King in her?
Why have they provoked me to anger with
their graven images, and with strange vanities?
The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and 20
we are not saved. For the hurt of the daughter 21
of my people am I hurt: I am black; astonish-
ment hath taken hold on me. Is there no 22
balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?
why then is not the health of the daughter of
my people recovered?

XVIII

Second Sunday in Lent

GENESIS 22. 1-19

- 22 1 And it came to pass after these things, that
God did prove Abraham, and said unto him,
2 Abraham; and he said, **Here am I.** And he
said, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom
thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the
land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt
offering upon one of the mountains which I will
3 tell thee of. And Abraham rose early in the
morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of
his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and
he clave the wood for the burnt offering, and
rose up, and went unto the place of which God
4 had told him. On the third day Abraham
lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide
ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go
yonder; and we will worship, and come again
6 to you. And Abraham took the wood of the
burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son;
and he took in his hand the fire and the knife;
7 and they went both of them together. And
Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said,
My father: and he said, **Here am I, my son.**
And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood:
but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, God will provide himself 8
the lamb for a burnt offering, my son: so they
went both of them together. And they came 9
to the place which God had told him of; and
Abraham built the altar there, and laid the
wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and
laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And 10
Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took
the knife to slay his son. And the angel of 11
the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and
said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here
am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon 12
the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him:
for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing
thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son,
from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, 13
and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram
caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abra-
ham went and took the ram, and offered him
up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.
And Abraham called the name of that place 14
Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the
mount of the LORD it shall be provided. And 15
the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham
a second time out of heaven, and said, By my- 16
self have I sworn, saith the LORD, because thou
hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy
son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless 17
thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy
seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand

which is upon the sea shore: and thy seed shall
18 possess the gate of his enemies: and in thy seed
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
19 because thou hast obeyed my voice. So
Abraham returned unto his young men, and
they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba;
and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

XIX

Third Sunday in Lent

GENESIS 37. 3-12, 17-35

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: 337
and he made him a coat of many colors. And 4
his brethren saw that their father loved him
more than all his brethren; and they hated
him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.
And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it 5
to his brethren: and they hated him yet the
more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray 6
you, this dream which I have dreamed: for, 7
behold, we were binding sheaves in the field,
and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright;
and, behold, your sheaves came round about,
and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his 8
brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign
over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion
over us? And they hated him yet the more
for his dreams, and for his words. And he 9
dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his
brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet
a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon
and eleven stars made obeisance to me. And 10
he told it to his father, and to his brethren;
and his father rebuked him, and said unto him,
What is this dream that thou hast dreamed?

Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the
11 earth? And his brethren envied him; but his
12 father kept the saying in mind. And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

17 And Joseph went after his brethren, and
18 found them in Dothan. And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them,
19 they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer
20 cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand; and said, Let us not take his life.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to
23 his father. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors that

24 was on him; and they took him, and cast him into the pit: and the pit was empty, there was
25 no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a traveling company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery

and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, 26
What profit is it if we slay our brother and
conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him 27
to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be
upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh.
And his brethren hearkened unto him. And 28
there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and
they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit,
and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty
pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph
into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the 29
pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit;
and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto 30
his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I,
whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's 31
coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat
in the blood; and they sent the coat of many 32
colors, and they brought it to their father; and
said, This have we found: know now whether
it be thy son's coat or not. And he knew it, 33
and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath
devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn
in pieces. And Jacob rent his garments, and 34
put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for
his son many days. And all his sons and all 35
his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he
refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will
go down to the grave to my son mourning.
And his father wept for him.

XX

Fourth Sunday in Lent

EXODUS 3. 1-15

- 3 1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb.
- 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
- 3 And Moses said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst
- 5 of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.
- 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he
- 7 was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I
- 8 know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a

good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: moreover I have seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

XXI

Fifth Sunday in Lent

EXODUS 33. 7-23

- 33 7 Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it without the camp, afar off from the camp; and he called it, The tent of meeting. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tent of
- 8 meeting, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the Tent.
- 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent: and *the*
- 10 LORD spake with Moses. And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent: and all the people rose up and bowed
- 11 down, every man at his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his minister Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tent.
- 12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name,

and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found 13
grace in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee, to the end that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall 14
go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. And he 15
said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. For wherein now shall 16
it be known that I have found grace in thy sight, I and thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us, so that we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth?

And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do 17
this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, Show me, I pray thee, 18
thy glory. And he said, I will make all my 19
goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for 20
man shall not see me and live. And the LORD 21
said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: and it shall come 22
to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand until I have passed by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt 23
see my back: but my face shall not be seen.

XXII

Palm Sunday

ZECHARIAH 8. 14-23; 9. 9, 10

8 14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, 15 and I repented not; so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and 16 to the house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbor; judge truth 17 and the judgment of peace in your gates: and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came 19 unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore 20 love truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many 21 cities: and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to intreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of

hosts: I will go also. Yea, many peoples and 22
strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of
hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favor of
the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: In 23
those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men
shall take hold, out of all the languages of the
nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him
that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for
we have heard that God is with you.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, 99
O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king
cometh unto thee: he is just, and having
salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even
upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut 10
off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse
from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut
off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations:
and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and
from the River to the ends of the earth.

XXIII

Good Friday

ISAIAH 52. 13—53. 12

- 52 13 Behold, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
- 14 Like as many were astonished at thee, (his visage was so marred more than any man, and
- 15 his form more than the sons of men,) so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they understand.
- 53 1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom
- 2 hath the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no
- 3 beauty that we should desire him. He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken,
- 5 smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are

healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; 6
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of
us all.

He was oppressed, yet he humbled himself 7
and opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is
led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before
her shearers is dumb; yea, he opened not his
mouth. By oppression and judgment he was 8
taken away; and his life who shall recount? for
he was cut off out of the land of the living? for
the transgression of my people was he stricken.
And they made his grave with the wicked, and 9
with the rich in his death; although he had
done no violence, neither was any deceit in his
mouth.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he 10
hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make
his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his*
seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure
of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He 11
shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be
satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous
servant justify many: and he shall bear their
iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a por- 12
tion with the great, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong; because he poured out
his soul unto death, and was numbered with
the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

XXIV

Easter Day

EXODUS 12. 1-14

- 12 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron
2 in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall
be unto you the beginning of months: it shall
3 be the first month of the year to you. Speak
ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying,
In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take
to them every man a lamb, according to their
4 fathers' houses, a lamb for an household: and
if the household be too little for a lamb, then
shall he and his neighbor next unto his house
take one according to the number of the souls;
according to every man's eating ye shall make
5 your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be
without blemish, a male of the first year: ye
shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats:
6 and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day
of the same month: and the whole assembly of
the congregation of Israel shall kill it ¹at even.
7 And they shall take of the blood, and put it
on the two side posts and on the lintel, upon
8 the houses wherein they shall eat it. And they
shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire,
and unleavened cakes; with bitter herbs they
9 shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at

¹ Heb. *between the two evenings*.

all with water, but roast with fire; its head
with its legs and with the inwards thereof.
And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the 10
morning; but that which remaineth of it until
the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus 11
shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your
shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand:
and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's
passover. For I will go through the land of 12
Egypt in that night, and will smite all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and
beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will
execute judgments: I am the LORD. And the 13
blood shall be to you for a token upon the
houses where ye are: and when I see the blood,
I will pass over you, and there shall no plague
be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the
land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto 14
you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast
to the LORD: throughout your generations ye
shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

XXV

First Sunday after Easter

ISAIAH 52. 1-12

- 52 1 Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion;
put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem,
the holy city: for henceforth there shall no
more come into thee the uncircumcised and
2 the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust;
arise, sit thee down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself
from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter
of Zion.
- 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye were sold for
nought; and ye shall be redeemed without
4 money. For thus saith the Lord God, My
people went down at the first into Egypt to
sojourn there: and the Assyrian oppressed
5 them without cause. Now therefore, what do
I here, saith the LORD, seeing that my people
is taken away for nought? they that rule over
them do howl, saith the LORD, and my name
6 continually all the day is blasphemed. There-
fore my people shall know my name: therefore
they shall know in that day that I am he that
doth speak; behold, it is I.
- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that
publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of
good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto

Zion, Thy God reigneth! The voice of thy 8
watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do
they sing; for they shall see, eye to eye, when
the LORD returneth to Zion. Break forth into 9
joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jeru-
salem: for the LORD hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath 10
made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the
nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart 11
ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean
thing; go ye out of the midst of her; cleanse
yourselves, ye that bear the vessels of the LORD.
For ye shall not go out in haste, neither shall 12
ye go by flight: for the LORD will go before you;
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

XXVI

Second Sunday after Easter

EXODUS 16. 2-15

- 16 2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against
3 Aaron in the wilderness: and the children of Israel said unto them, Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill
4 this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in
5 my law, or no. And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.
- 9 And Moses said unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard
10 your murmurings. And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the
11 LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD

spake unto Moses, saying, I have heard the 12
 murmurings of the children of Israel: speak
 unto them, saying, ¹At even ye shall eat flesh,
 and in the morning ye shall be filled with
 bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD
 your God. And Moses and Aaron said unto 6
 all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall
 know that the LORD hath brought you out from
 the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then 7
 ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he
 heareth your murmurings against the LORD:
 and what are we, that ye murmur against us?
 And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD 8
 shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and
 in the morning bread to the full; for that the
 LORD heareth your murmurings which ye mur-
 mur against him: and what are we? your mur-
 murings are not against us, but against the
 LORD. And it came to pass at even, that the 13
 quails came up, and covered the camp: and in
 the morning the dew lay round about the
 camp. And when the dew that lay was gone 14
 up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a
 thin flake, small as the hoar frost on the ground.
 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said 15
 one to another, What is it? for they wist not
 what it was. And Moses said unto them, It is
 the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

¹Heb. *between the two evenings.*

XXVII

Third Sunday after Easter

DEUTERONOMY 4. 1-20

- 4 1 And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes
and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for
to do them; that ye may live, and go in and
possess the land which the LORD, the God of
2 your fathers, giveth you. Ye shall not add
unto the word which I command you, neither
shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep
the commandments of the LORD your God
3 which I command you. Your eyes have seen
what the LORD did because of Baal-peor: for
all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD
thy God hath destroyed them from the midst
4 of thee. But ye that did cleave unto the LORD
your God are alive every one of you this day.
5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judg-
ments, even as the LORD my God commanded
me, that ye should do so in the midst of the
6 land whither ye go in to possess it. Keep
therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom
and your understanding in the sight of the
peoples, which shall hear all these statutes, and
say, Surely this great nation is a wise and
7 understanding people. For what great nation
is there, that hath gods so nigh unto them, as
the LORD our God is whensoever we call upon

him? And what great nation is there, that 8
 hath statutes and judgments so righteous as
 all this law, which I set before you this day?
 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul 9
 diligently, lest thou forget the things which
 thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy
 heart all the days of thy life; but make them
 known unto thy children and thy children's
 children; the day that thou stoodest before the 10
 LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said
 unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will
 make them hear my words, that they may
 learn to fear me all the days that they live upon
 the earth, and that they may teach their
 children. And ye came near and stood under 11
 the mountain; and the mountain burned with
 fire unto the heart of heaven, with darkness,
 cloud, and thick darkness. And the LORD spake 12
 unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard
 the voice of words, but ye saw no form; only
ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you 13
 his covenant, which he commanded you to
 perform, even the ten ¹commandments; and he
 wrote them upon two tables of stone. And the 14
 LORD commanded me at that time to teach you
 statutes and judgments, that ye might do them
 in the land whither ye go over to possess it.
 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; 15
 for ye saw no manner of form on the day that

¹ Heb. *words*.

the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the
16 midst of the fire: lest ye corrupt yourselves,
and make you a graven image in the form of
17 any figure, the likeness of male or female, the
likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the
likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the
18 heaven, the likeness of any thing that creepeth
on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is
19 in the water under the earth: and lest thou lift
up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest
the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the
host of heaven, thou be drawn away and wor-
ship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy
God hath divided unto all the peoples under
20 the whole heaven. But the LORD hath taken
you, and brought you forth out of the iron
furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto him a people
of inheritance, as at this day.

XXVIII

Fourth Sunday after Easter

DEUTERONOMY 6. 4-25

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one 4 6
 LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God 5
 with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and
 with all thy might. And these words, which 6
 I command thee this day, shall be upon thine
 heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently 7
 unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when
 thou sittest in thine house, and when thou
 walkest by the way, and when thou liest down,
 and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind 8
 them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall
 be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou 9
 shalt write them upon the door posts of thy
 house, and upon thy gates.

And it shall be, when the LORD thy God 10
 shall bring thee into the land which he sware
 unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
 Jacob, to give thee; great and goodly cities,
 which thou buildedst not, and houses full of all 11
 good things, which thou filledst not, and cis-
 terns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vine-
 yards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not,
 and thou shalt eat and be full; then beware lest 12
 thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth
 out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of

- 13 bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God;
and him shalt thou serve, and shalt swear by
14 his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of
the gods of the peoples which are round about
15 you; for the LORD thy God in the midst of thee
is a jealous God; lest the anger of the LORD
thy God be kindled against thee, and he de-
stroy thee from off the face of the earth.
- 16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as
17 ye tempted him in Massah. Ye shall diligently
keep the commandments of the LORD your God,
and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he
18 hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do
that which is right and good in the sight of
the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and
that thou mayest go in and possess the good
land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers,
19 to thrust out all thine enemies from before thee,
as the LORD hath spoken.
- 20 When thy son asketh thee in time to come,
saying, What mean the testimonies, and the
statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD
21 our God hath commanded you? then thou
shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's
bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us
22 out of Egypt with a mighty hand: and the
LORD showed signs and wonders, great and sore,
upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his
23 house, before our eyes: and he brought us out
from thence, that he might bring us in, to give

us the land which he sware unto our fathers.
And the LORD commanded us to do all these 24
statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our
good always, that he might preserve us alive,
as at this day. And it shall be righteousness 25
unto us, if we observe to do all this command-
ment before the LORD our God, as he hath
commanded us.

XXIX

Fifth Sunday after Easter

DEUTERONOMY 8. 2-20

- 8 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which
the LORD thy God hath led thee these forty
years in the wilderness, that he might humble
thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thine
heart, whether thou wouldest keep his com-
3 mandments, or no. And he humbled thee,
and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with
manna, which thou knewest not, neither did
thy fathers know; that he might make thee
know that man doth not live by bread only,
but by every thing that proceedeth out of the
4 mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy
raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did
5 thy foot blister, these forty years. And thou
shalt consider in thine heart, that, as a man
disciplineth his son, so the LORD thy God dis-
6 ciplineth thee. And thou shalt keep the com-
mandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in
7 his ways, and to fear him. For the LORD thy
God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of
brooks of water, of fountains and depths,
8 springing forth in valleys and hills; a land of
wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and
pomegranates; a land of oil olives and honey;
9 a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without

scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper. And thou shalt 10 eat and be full, and thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware lest thou forget the LORD thy 11 God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten 12 and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy 13 flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget 14 the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; who led thee through the great and 15 terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilder- 16 ness with manna, which thy fathers knew not; that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy later years: and thou say in thine heart, My power and 17 the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD 18 thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as at this

- 19 day. And it shall be, if thou shalt forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against
20 you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto the voice of the LORD your God.

XXX

Sunday after Ascension Day

DEUTERONOMY 30

And it shall come to pass, when all these 1 30
 things are come upon thee, the blessing and the
 curse, which I have set before thee, and thou
 shalt call them to mind among all the nations,
 whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
 and shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and 2
 shalt obey his voice according to all that I
 command thee this day, thou and thy children,
 with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; that 3
 then the LORD thy God will change thy fortune,
 and have compassion upon thee, and will return
 and gather thee from all the peoples, whither
 the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. If *any* 4
of thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of
 heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God
 gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:
 and the LORD thy God will bring thee into the 5
 land which thy fathers possessed, and thou
 shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and
 multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD 6
 thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the
 heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God
 with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that
 thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will 7
 put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on

them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which

9 I command thee this day. And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in all the work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over

10 thy fathers: if thou shalt obey the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither

12 is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it,

13 that we may do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make

14 us to hear it, that we may do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and

16 good, and death and evil. If thou shalt hearken to the commandment of JEHOVAH thy God which I command thee this day to love the LORD thy

God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, then thou shalt live and multiply, and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. But if thine heart 17
turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that 18
ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go in to possess it. I call heaven 19
and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed: to love 20
the LORD thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

XXXI

Whitsunday

JOEL 2. 21-32

- 2 21 Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for the
22 LORD hath done great things. Be not afraid,
ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the
wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her
23 strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he giveth
you the former rain in just measure, and he
causeth to come down for you the rain, the
former rain and the latter rain, in the first
24 *month*. And the floors shall be full of wheat,
and the vats shall overflow with new wine and
25 fresh oil. And I will restore to you the years
that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm,
and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my
26 great army which I sent among you. And ye
shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall
praise the name of the LORD your God, that
hath dealt wondrously with you: and my
27 people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall
know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that
I am the LORD your God, and there is none
else: and my people shall never be ashamed.
28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I
will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your

sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your
old men shall dream dreams, your young men
shall see visions: and also upon the servants 29
and upon the handmaids in those days will I
pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders 30
in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire,
and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned 31
into darkness, and the moon into blood, before
the great and terrible day of the LORD come.
And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall 32
call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:
for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall
be those that escape, as the LORD hath said,
and among the remnant those whom the LORD
doth call.

XXXII

Trinity Sunday

ISALAH 6. 1-13

- 6 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the
Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,
2 and his train filled the temple. Above him
stood the seraphim: each one had six wings;
with twain he covered his face, and with twain
he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy,
holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth
4 is full of his glory. And the foundations of the
thresholds were moved at the voice of him that
cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone;
because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell
in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for
mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of
6 hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto
me, having a live coal in his hand, which he
had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
7 and he touched my mouth with it, and said,
Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine
iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.
8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
9 Then I said, Here am I; send me. And he
said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed,

but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people 10
fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed. Then 11
said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land become utterly waste, and the LORD have removed men 12
far away, and the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land. And if there be yet a 13
tenth in it, it shall again be eaten up: as a terebinth, and as an oak, whose stock remaineth, when they are felled; so the holy seed is the stock thereof.

XXXIII

First Sunday after Trinity

JOSHUA 1. 1-17

- 1 1 Now it came to pass after the death of Moses
the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spake
unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister,
2 saying, Moses my servant is dead; now there-
fore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all
this people, unto the land which I do give to
3 them, even to the children of Israel. Every
place that the sole of your foot shall tread
upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto
4 Moses. From the wilderness, and this Leba-
non, even unto the great river, the river
Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and
unto the great sea toward the going down of
5 the sun, shall be your border. There shall
not any man be able to stand before thee all
the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so
I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor
6 forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage:
for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the
land which I swore unto their fathers to give
7 them. Only be strong and very courageous,
to observe to do according to all the law, which
Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not
from it to the right hand or to the left, that
thou mayest have good success whithersoever

thou goest. This book of the law shall not 8
 depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt
 meditate therein day and night, that thou
 mayest observe to do according to all that is
 written therein: for then thou shalt make thy
 way prosperous, and then thou shalt have
 good success. Have not I commanded thee? 9
 Be strong and of a good courage; be not
 affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the
 LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever
 thou goest.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the 10
 people, saying, Pass through the midst of the 11
 camp, and command the people, saying, Pre-
 pare you victuals; for within three days ye are
 to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess
 the land, which the LORD your God giveth you
 to possess it.

And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, 12
 and to the half tribe of Manasseh, spake
 Joshua, saying, Remember the word which 13
 Moses the servant of the LORD commanded
 you, saying, The LORD your God giveth you
 rest, and will give you this land. Your wives, 14
 your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in
 the land which Moses gave you beyond Jordan;
 but ye shall pass over before your brethren
 armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall
 help them; until the LORD have given your 15
 brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they

also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond Jordan toward the sunrising.

- 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.
- 17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

XXXIV

Second Sunday after Trinity

JUDGES 4. 1-16, 23

And the children of Israel again did that 1 4
 which was evil in the sight of the LORD, when
 Ehud was dead. And the LORD sold them 2
 into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that
 reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host
 was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth of the
 nations. And the children of Israel cried unto 3
 the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of
 iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed
 the children of Israel.

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of 4
 Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time.
 And she used to sit under the palm tree of 5
 Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in the
 hill country of Ephraim: and the children of
 Israel came up to her for judgment. And she 6
 sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out
 of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath
 not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded,
saying, Go and deploy upon mount Tabor,
 and take with thee ten thousand men of the
 children of Naphtali and of the children of
 Zebulun? And I will draw unto thee to the 7
 river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's
 army, with his chariots and his multitude; and

- 8 I will deliver him into thine hand. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me,
- 9 I will not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with
- 10 Barak to Kedesh. And Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men after him: and
- 11 Deborah went up with him. Now Heber the Kenite had severed himself from the Kenites, even from the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaanannim, which is
- 12 by Kedesh. And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount
- 13 Tabor. And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the nations, unto the river
- 14 Kishon. And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand
- 15 men after him. And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and

Sisera lighted down from his chariot, and fled away on his feet. But Barak pursued after 16 the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the nations: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left.

So God subdued on that day Jabin the king 23 of Canaan before the children of Israel.

XXXV

Third Sunday after Trinity

1 SAMUEL I. 1-5, 9-28

- 1 1 Now there was a certain man of Rama,
a Zuphite, of the hill country of Ephraim,
and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jero-
ham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the
2 son of Zuph, an Ephraimite: and he had two
wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and
the name of the other Peninnah: and Penin-
nah had children, but Hannah had no children.
3 And this man went up out of his city from
year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto
the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two
sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests
4 unto the LORD, were there. And when the
day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to
Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her
5 daughters, portions: but unto Hannah he
used to give one portion: though he loved
Hannah, but the LORD had shut up her womb.
9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in
Shiloh, and stood before JEHOVAH. Now Eli
the priest sat upon his seat by the door post
10 of the temple of the LORD. And she was in
bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD,
11 and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and
said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look

on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, 12 as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she 13 spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto 14 her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered 15 and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid 16 for a wicked woman: for out of the abundance of my complaint and my provocation have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, 17 Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And 18 she said, Let thy servant find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*. And they rose up in the morning early, and 19 worshiped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. And it came to pass, at the turn 20

- of the year, that Hannah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Samuel, *saying*,
- 21 Because I have asked him of the LORD. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and
- 22 his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there
- 23 abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman tarried and gave her son suck, until she weaned him.
- 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with a three year old bullock, and one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in
- 25 Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew the bullock, and brought the child to Eli.
- 26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee
- 27 here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my
- 28 petition which I asked of him: therefore I also have granted him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he is granted to the LORD.

XXXVI

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

1 SAMUEL 3. 1—4. 1

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no wide-spread vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, (now his eyes had begun to wax dim, that he could not see,) and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*, in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was; that the LORD called Samuel: and he said, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall

- be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel
- 10 went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said,
- 11 Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one
- 12 that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even
- 13 unto the end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons did bring a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not.
- 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.
- 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And
- 16 Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son.
- 17 And he said, Here am I. And he said, What is the thing that *the LORD* hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he spake
- 18 unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with 19
him, and did let none of his words fall to the
ground. And all Israel from Dan even to 20
Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established
to be a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD 21
appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed
himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of
the LORD. And the word of Samuel came to 1 4
all Israel.

XXXVII

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

1 SAMUEL 17. 1-4, 8-11, 32-37, 40-54

- 17 1 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in
2 Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched in the vale of Elah, and set the battle in array
3 against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.
4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.
8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.
9 If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our
10 servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give
11 me a man, that we may fight together. And

when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart 32
fail because of him; thy servant will go and
fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to 33
David, Thou art not able to go against this
Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but
a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept 34
his father's sheep; and when there came a lion,
or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock,
I went out after him, and smote him, and de- 35
livered it out of his mouth: and when he arose
against me, I caught him by his beard, and
smote him, and slew him. Thy servant smote 36
both the lion and the bear: and this uncircum-
cised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing
he hath defied the armies of the living God.
And David said, The LORD that delivered me 37
out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw
of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand
of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David,
Go, and the LORD shall be with thee.

And he took his staff in his hand, and chose 40
him five smooth stones out of the brook, and
put them in the shepherd's bag which he had,
even in his scrip; and his sling was in his hand:
and he drew near to the Philistine. And the 41
Philistine came on and drew near unto David;

and the man that bare the shield went before
42 him. And when the Philistine looked about,
and saw David, he disdained him: for he was
but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair
43 countenance. And the Philistine said unto
David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me
with staves? And the Philistine cursed David
44 by his gods. And the Philistine said to David,
Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the
fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest
to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with
a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of
the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of
46 Israel, which thou hast defied. This day will
the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I
will smite thee, and take thine head from off
thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host
of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of
the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth;
that all the earth may know that there is a
47 God in Israel: and that all this assembly may
know that the LORD saveth not with sword
and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he
48 will give you into our hand. And it came to
pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and
drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened,
and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took
thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the

Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou comest to Gath, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their camp. And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

XXXVIII

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

2 SAMUEL 12. 1-23

- 12 1 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David.
And he came unto him, and said unto him,
There were two men in one city; the one rich,
2 and the other poor. The rich man had ex-
3 ceeding many flocks and herds: but the poor
man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb,
which he had bought and nourished up: and
it grew up together with him, and with his
children; it did eat of his own morsel, and
drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom,
4 and was unto him as a daughter. And there
came a traveler unto the rich man, and he
spared to take of his own flock and of his own
herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was
come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb,
and dressed it for the man that was come to
5 him. And David's anger was greatly kindled
against the man; and he said to Nathan, As
the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this
6 is worthy to die: and he shall restore the lamb
fourfold, because he did this thing, and because
he had no pity.
- 7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the
man. Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel,
I anointed thee king over Israel, and I de-

livered thee out of the hand of Saul; and I 8
 gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's
 wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house
 of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been
 too little, I would have added unto thee such
 and such things. Wherefore hast thou de- 9
 spised the word of the LORD, to do that which
 is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah
 the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his
 wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with
 the sword of the children of Ammon. Now 10
 therefore, the sword shall never depart from
 thine house; because thou hast despised me,
 and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite
 to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, 11
 I will raise up evil against thee out of thine
 own house, and I will take thy wives before
 thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor,
 and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of
 this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will 12
 do this thing before all Israel, and before the
 sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have 13
 sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said
 unto David, The LORD also hath put away
 thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, be- 14
 cause by this deed thou hast despised the
 LORD, the child also that is born unto thee
 shall surely die. And Nathan departed unto 15
 his house.

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's

- wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.
- 16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night
- 17 upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, *and stood* beside him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did
- 18 he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: how then shall we tell him that the child is dead, so that
- 19 he do himself some harm? But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead: and David said unto his servants, Is the child
- 20 dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when he required they set bread before him,
- 21 and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead,
- 22 thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether the

LORD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, where- 23
fore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

XXXIX

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

2 SAMUEL 18. 1-15, 24-33

- 18 1 And David numbered the people that were
with him, and set captains of thousands and
2 captains of hundreds over them. And David
divided the people, a third part under the hand
of Joab, and a third part under the hand of
Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother,
and a third part under the hand of Ittai the
Gittite. And the king said unto the people,
I will surely go forth with you myself also.
3 But the people said, Thou shalt not go forth:
for if we flee away, they will not care for us;
neither if half of us die, will they care for us:
but thou art worth ten thousand of us: there-
fore now it is better that thou be ready to
4 succor us out of the city. And the king said
unto them, What seemeth you best I will do.
And the king stood by the gate side, and all
the people went out by hundreds and by thou-
5 sands. And the king commanded Joab and
Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my
sake with the young man, even with Absalom.
And all the people heard when the king gave
all the captains charge concerning Absalom.
6 So the people went out into the field against
Israel: and the battle was in the forest of

Ephraim. And the people of Israel were 7
 smitten there before the servants of David,
 and there was a great slaughter there that day
 of twenty thousand men. For the battle was 8
 there spread over the face of all the country:
 and the forest devoured more people that day
 than the sword devoured. And Absalom 9
 chanced to meet the servants of David. And
 Absalom rode upon his mule, and the mule
 went under the thick boughs of a great oak,
 and his head caught hold of the oak, and he
 was taken up between the heaven and the
 earth; and the mule that was under him went
 on. And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, 10
 and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in
 an oak. And Joab said unto the man that 11
 told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and
 why didst thou not smite him there to the
 ground? and I would have given thee ten
pieces of silver, and a girdle. And the man 12
 said unto Joab, Though I should receive a
 thousand *pieces of* silver in mine hand, yet
 would I not put forth mine hand against the
 king's son: for in our hearing the king charged
 thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Have a
 care, whosoever ye be, of the young man
 Absalom. Otherwise if I had dealt falsely 13
 against his life, (and there is no matter hid
 from the king,) then thou thyself wouldest
 have stood aloof. Then said Joab, I may not 14

- tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in
15 the midst of the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's armor compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.
- 24 Now David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone.
- 25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace,
26 and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman upon the gate called, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, He
27 also bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man,
28 and cometh with good tidings. And Ahimaaz drew nigh, and said unto the king, Peace. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, who hath delivered up the men that lifted
29 up their hand against my lord the king. And the king said, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, even me thy

servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. And the king said, Turn aside, 30 and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. And, behold, the Cushite came; and 31 said, Tidings for my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. And the king said unto the 32 Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. And the king was much 33 moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he wept, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

XL

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

1 CHRONICLES 29. 1-20

- 29 1 And David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man,
2 but for the LORD God. Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the *things of* gold, and the silver for the *things of* silver, and the brass for the *things of* brass, the iron for the *things of* iron, and wood for the *things of* wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.
3 Moreover also, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house;
4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses
5 withal: of gold for the *things of* gold, and of silver for the *things of* silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly to consecrate him-

self this day unto the LORD? Then the princes 6
 of the fathers' *houses*, and the princes of the
 tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands
 and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's
 work, offered willingly; and they gave for the 7
 service of the house of God of gold five thou-
 sand talents and ten thousand darics, and of
 silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eigh-
 teen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred
 thousand talents. And they with whom 8
precious stones were found gave them to the
 treasure of the house of the LORD, under the
 hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the 9
 people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly,
 because with a perfect heart they offered will-
 ingly to the LORD: and David the king also
 rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David 10
 blessed the LORD before all the congregation:
 and David said, Blessed be thou, O LORD, the
 God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.
 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, 11
 and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:
 for all that is in the heaven and in the earth
is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and
 thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches 12
 and honor come of thee, and thou rulest over
 all; and in thine hand is power and might; and
 in thine hand it is to make great, and to give
 strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, 13
 we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

- 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of
15 thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as
16 a shadow, and there is no abiding. O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.
- 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present
18 here, to offer willingly unto thee. O LORD, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people,
19 and prepare their heart unto thee: and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.
- 20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshiped the LORD, and the king.

XLI

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 3. 4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice 4 3
there; for that was the great high place: a thou-
sand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon
that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to 5
Solomon in a dream by night: and God said,
Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon 6
said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant
David my father great kindness, according as
he walked before thee in truth, and in right-
eousness, and in uprightness of heart with
thee; and thou hast kept for him this great
kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit
on his throne, as it is this day. And now, 7
O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant
king instead of David my father: and I am but
a little child; I know not how to go out or
come in. And thy servant is in the midst of 8
thy people which thou hast chosen, a great
people, that cannot be numbered nor counted
for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an 9
understanding heart to judge thy people, that
I may discern between good and evil; for who
is able to judge this thy great people? And 10
the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had
asked this thing. And God said unto him, 11

Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself
12 understanding to discern judgment; behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto
13 thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings
14 like unto thee, all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk,
15 then I will lengthen thy days. And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

XLII

Tenth Sunday after Trinity1 **KINGS** 6. 1, 38; 8. 12, 13, 22, 23, 27-40, 54-58

And it came to pass in the four hundred 1 6
and eightieth year after the children of Israel
were come out of the land of Egypt, in the
fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in
the month Ziv, which is the second month,
that he began to build the house of the LORD.

And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, 38
which is the eighth month, was the house
finished throughout all the parts thereof, and
according to all the fashion of it. So was he
seven years in building it.

Then spake Solomon, The LORD hath said 12 8
that he would dwell in the thick darkness.
I have surely built thee an house of habitation, 13
a place for thee to dwell in for ever.

And Solomon stood before the altar of the 22
LORD in the presence of all the congregation
of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward
heaven: and he said, O LORD, the God of 23
Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven
above, or on earth beneath.

But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? 27
behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens can-
not contain thee; how much less this house
that I have builded! Yet have thou respect 28

unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant
29 prayeth before thee this day: that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there: to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward
30 this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and
31 when thou hearest, forgive. If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come *and*
32 swear before thine altar in this house: then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his right-
33 eousness. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray and make sup-
34 plication unto thee in this house: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and let them remain in the land
35 which thou gavest unto their fathers. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray

toward this place, and confess thy name, and
 turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict
 them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive 36
 the sin of thy servants, and of thy people
 Israel, when thou teachest them the good way
 wherein they should walk; and send rain upon
 thy land, which thou hast given to thy people
 for an inheritance. If there be in the land 37
 famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blast-
 ing *or* mildew, locust *or* caterpillar; if their
 enemy besiege them in any of their gates;
 whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there
 be; what prayer and supplication soever be 38
 made by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel,
 which shall know every man the plague of his
 own heart, and spread forth his hands toward
 this house: then hear thou in heaven thy 39
 dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render
 unto every man according to all his ways,
 whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even
 thou only, knowest the hearts of all the chil-
 dren of men;) that they may fear thee all the 40
 days that they live in the land which thou
 gavest unto our fathers.

And it was so, that when Solomon had made 54
 an end of praying all this prayer and suppli-
 cation unto the LORD, he arose from before
 the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his
 knees with his hands spread forth toward
 heaven. And he stood, and blessed all the con- 55

- gregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying.
- 56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given a resting place unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised
- 57 by the hand of Moses his servant. The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers:
- 58 let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

XLIII

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 10. 1-13

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the 1 10
 fame of Solomon concerning the name of the
 LORD, she came to prove him with hard ques-
 tions. And she came to Jerusalem with a 2
 very great train, with camels that bare spices,
 and very much gold, and precious stones: and
 when she was come to Solomon, she com-
 muned with him of all that was in her heart.
 And Solomon told her all her questions: there 3
 was not any thing hid from the king which he
 told her not. And when the queen of Sheba 4
 had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the
 house that he had built, and the food of his 5
 table, and the sitting of his servants, and the
 attendance of his ministers, and their apparel,
 and his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings
 which he offered in the house of the LORD;
 there was no more spirit in her. And she said 6
 to the king, It was a true report that I heard
 in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy
 wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, 7
 until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and,
 behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom
 and prosperity exceedeth the report which I
 heard.. Happy are thy men, happy are these 8

- thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do justice and righteousness.
- 10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen
- 11 of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of
- 12 almug trees and precious stones. And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen, unto this
- 13 day. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

XLIV

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 12

And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all 1 12
 Israel were come to Shechem to make him
 king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam 2
 the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was yet in
 Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence
 of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in
 Egypt, and they sent and called him;) that 3
 Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel
 came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, Thy 4
 father made our yoke grievous: now therefore
 make thou the grievous service of thy father,
 and his heavy yoke which he put upon us,
 lighter, and we will serve thee. And he said 5
 unto them, Depart yet for three days, then
 come again to me. And the people departed.
 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the 6
 old men, that had stood before Solomon his
 father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel
 give ye me to return answer to this people?
 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt 7
 be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt
 serve them, and answer them, and speak good
 words to them, then they will be thy servants
 for ever. But he forsook the counsel of the 8
 old men which they had given him, and took

- counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before him. And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy
- 9 father did put upon us lighter? And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger is thicker than my
- 10 father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
- 11 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying,
- 12 Come to me again the third day. And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which they had
- 13 given him; and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will
- 14 chastise you with scorpions. So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was a thing brought about of the LORD, that he might establish his word, which the LORD spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam
- 15

the son of Nebat. And when all Israel saw 16
that the king hearkened not unto them, the
people answered the king, saying, What
portion have we in David? neither have we
inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents,
O Israel: now see to thine own house, David.
So Israel departed unto their tents. But as 17
for the children of Israel which dwelt in the
cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was 18
over the levy; and all Israel stoned him with
stones, that he died. And king Rehoboam
made speed to get him up to his chariot, to
flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against 19
the house of David, unto this day. And it 20
came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jero-
boam was returned, that they sent and called
him unto the congregation, and made him
king over all Israel: there was none that fol-
lowed the house of David, but the tribe of
Judah only.

XLV

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 17

- 17 1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was from
Tishbe of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the
LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom
I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these
2 years, but according to my word. And the
3 word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get
thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide
thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before
4 Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt
drink of the brook; and I have commanded
5 the ravens to feed thee there. So he went
and did according unto the word of the LORD:
for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith,
6 that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought
him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread
and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the
7 brook. And it came to pass after a while, that
the brook dried up, because there was no rain
in the land.
- 8 And the word of the LORD came unto him,
9 saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which
belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold,
I have commanded a widow woman there to
10 sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zare-
phath; and when he came to the gate of the

city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch 11
it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And 12
she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in the barrel, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, 13
Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD, the God 14
of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not be spent, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying 15
of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. The barrel of meal was not 16
spent, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah. And it came to pass after these 17
things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do 18
with thee, O thou man of God? thou art come

unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and
19 to slay my son! And he said unto her, Give
me thy son. And he took him out of her
bosom, and carried him up into the chamber,
where he abode, and laid him upon his own
20 bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said,
O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil
upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slay-
21 ing her son? And he stretched himself upon
the child three times, and cried unto the LORD,
and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this
22 child's soul come into him again. And the
LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and
the soul of the child came into him again, and
23 he revived. And Elijah took the child, and
brought him down out of the chamber into
the house, and delivered him unto his mother:
24 and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the
woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou
art a man of God, and that the word of the
LORD in thy mouth is truth.

XLVI

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 18. 1-2, 17-39

And it came to pass after many days, that 1 18
 the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the
 third year, saying, Go show thyself unto Ahab;
 and I will send rain upon the earth. And 2
 Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And
 the famine was sore in Samaria.

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, 17
 that Ahab said unto him, Is it thou, thou
 troubler of Israel? And he answered, I have 18
 not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's
 house, in that ye have forsaken the command-
 ments of the LORD, and thou hast followed the
 Baals. Now therefore send, and gather to 19
 me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the
 prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and
 the prophets of the Asherah four hundred,
 which eat at Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent 20
 unto all the children of Israel, and gathered
 the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
 And Elijah came near unto all the people, and 21
 said, How long halt ye between two opinions?
 if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal,
 then follow him. And the people answered
 him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the 22
 people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of the

LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred
23 and fifty men. Let them therefore give us
two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock
for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it
on the wood, and put no fire under: and I will
dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood,
24 and put no fire under. And call ye on the
name of your god, and I will call on the name
of the LORD: and the God that answereth by
fire, let him be God. And all the people
25 answered and said, It is well spoken. And
Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose
you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it
first; for ye are many; and call on the name
26 of your god, but put no fire under. And they
took the bullock which was given them, and
they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal
from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal,
hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that
answered. And they limped about the altar
27 which was made. And it came to pass at noon,
that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud:
for he is a god; either he is musing, or he is
gone aside, or he is in a journey, or peradven-
28 ture he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And
they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their
manner with knives and lances, till the blood
29 gushed out upon them. And it was so, when
midday was past, that they prophesied until the
time of the offering of the *evening* oblation;

but there was neither voice, nor any to answer,
nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto 30
all the people, Come near unto me; and all the
people came near unto him. And he repaired
the altar of the LORD that was thrown down.
And Elijah took twelve stones, according to 31
the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob,
unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying,
Israel shall be thy name. And with the stones 32
he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and
he made a trench about the altar, as much as
would be sown with two measures of seed. And 33
he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock
in pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said,
Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the
burnt offering, and on the wood. And he said, 34
Do it the second time; and they did it the
second time. And he said, Do it the third
time; and they did it the third time. And 35
the water ran round about the altar; and he
filled the trench also with water. And it came 36
to pass at the time of the offering of the *even-*
ing oblation, that Elijah the prophet came
near, and said, O LORD, the God of Abraham,
of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day
that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy
servant, and that I have done all these things
at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that 37
this people may know that thou, LORD, art
God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart

38 back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell,
and consumed the burnt offering, and the
wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked
39 up the water that was in the trench. And
when all the people saw it, they fell on their
faces: and they said, The LORD, he is God; the
LORD, he is God.

XLVII

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 KINGS 19

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had 1 19
 done, and how he had slain all the prophets
 with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a mes- 2
 senger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do
 to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as
 the life of one of them by to-morrow about
 this time. And he was afraid and arose, and 3
 went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba,
 which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant
 there. But he himself went a day's journey 4
 into the wilderness, and came and sat down
 under a certain broom bush: and he requested
 for himself that he might die; and said, It is
 enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for
 I am not better than my fathers. And he lay 5
 down and slept under a juniper tree; and,
 behold, an angel touched him, and said unto
 him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, 6
 behold, there was at his head a cake baken on
 the coals, and a cruse of water. And he did
 eat and drink, and laid him down again. And 7
 the angel of the LORD came again the second
 time, and touched him, and said, Arise and
 eat; because the journey is too great for thee.
 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went 8

in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

- 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?
- 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and

they seek my life, to take it away. And the 15
LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way
to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou
comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael to be king
over Syria: and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt 16
thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha
the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou
anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall 17
come to pass, that him that escapeth from the
sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that
escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha
slay. Yet will I leave *me* seven thousand in 18
Israel, all the knees which have not bowed
unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not
kissed him.

XLVIII

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

2 KINGS 5. 1-19

5 1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, *but he was a*
2 leper. And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited
3 on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he
4 recover him of his leprosy. And he went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said
5 the maid that is of the land of Israel. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten
6 changes of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, and
7 thou shalt recover him of his leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said,

Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me. And it 8
 was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his 9
 horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent 10
 a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and be thou clean. But Naaman 11
 was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abanah and 12
 Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, 13
 and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped 14
himself seven times in Jordan, according to

the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child,
15 and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I
16 pray thee, take a present of thy servant. But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him
17 to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, If not, yet I pray thee let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto
18 the LORD. In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant; when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this
19 thing. And he said unto him, Go in peace.

XLIX

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

2 KINGS 6. 8-23

Now the king of Syria warred against Israel; 8 6
 and he took counsel with his servants, saying,
 In such and such a place shall be my camp.
 And the man of God sent unto the king of 9
 Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such
 a place; for thither the Syrians are coming
 down. And the king of Israel sent to the 10
 place which the man of God told him and
 warned him of; and he saved himself there, not
 once nor twice. And the heart of the king of 11
 Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he
 called his servants, and said unto them, Will
 ye not show me which of us is for the king of
 Israel? And one of his servants said, Nay, my 12
 lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in
 Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that
 thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he 13
 said, Go and see where he is, that I may send
 and fetch him. And it was told him, saying,
 Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he 14
 thither horses, and chariots, and a great host:
 and they came by night, and compassed the
 city about. And when the servant of the man 15
 of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold,
 an host with horses and chariots was round

- about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
- 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
- 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round
- 18 about Elisha. And when they came down to him Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blind-
- 19 ness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And
- 20 he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.
- 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite
- 22 them? shall I smite them? And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they

may eat and drink, and go to their master.
And he prepared great provision for them: 23
and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent
them away, and they went to their master.
And the bands of Syria came no more into
the land of Israel.

L

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

2 KINGS 22. 3-20

22 3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year
of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan
the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the
4 scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go
up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may
sum the money which is brought into the
house of the LORD, which the keepers of the
5 door have gathered of the people: and let them
deliver it into the hand of the workmen that
have the oversight of the house of the LORD:
and let them give it to the workmen which
are in the house of the LORD, to repair the
6 breaches of the house; unto the carpenters,
and to the builders, and to the masons; and
for buying timber and hewn stone to repair
7 the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning
made with them of the money that was de-
livered into their hand; for they dealt faith-
8 fully. And Hilkiah the high priest said unto
Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of
the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah
delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it.
9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king,
and brought the king word again, and said,
Thy servants have emptied out the money that

was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. And 10 Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it 11 came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah 12 the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and 13 for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and 14 Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus 15 saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, Thus saith the 16 LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the

words of the book which the king of Judah
17 hath read: because they have forsaken me,
and have burned incense unto other gods, that
they might provoke me to anger with all the
work of their hands; therefore my wrath shall
be kindled against this place, and it shall not
18 be quenched. But unto the king of Judah,
who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus
shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel: As touching the words which
19 thou hast heard, because thine heart was
tender, and thou didst humble thyself before
the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake
against this place, and against the inhabitants
thereof, that they should become a desolation
and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and
wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith
20 the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will gather
thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered
to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes
see all the evil which I will bring upon this
place. And they brought the king word again.

LI

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

JEREMIAH 5. 1-6, 15-29

Run ye to and fro through the streets of 1 5
 Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek
 in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a
 man, if there be any that doeth justly, that
 seeketh faithfulness; and I will pardon her.
 And though they say, As the LORD liveth; 2
 surely they swear falsely. O LORD, do not 3
 thine eyes look upon faithfulness? thou hast
 stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou
 hast consumed them, but they have refused
 to receive correction: they have made their
 faces harder than a rock; they have refused to
 return. Then I said, Surely these are poor: 4
 they are foolish; for they know not the way
 of the LORD, nor the ordinance of their God.
 I will get me unto the great men, and will 5
 speak unto them; for they know the way of
 the LORD, and the ordinance of their God.
 But these with one accord have broken the
 yoke, and burst the bands. Therefore a lion 6
 out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the
 evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch
 over their cities, every one that goeth out
 thence shall be torn in pieces: because their
 transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings

- 15 are increased. Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, 16 neither understandest what they say. Their quiver is an open sepulcher, they are all mighty 17 men. And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall beat down thy fortified cities, wherein thou trustest, with the sword. 18 But even in those days, saith the LORD, I will 19 not make a full end with you. And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.
- 20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and 21 publish it in Judah, saying, Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, 22 and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waters thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though its waves roar,

yet can they not pass over it. But this people 23
hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they
are revolted and gone. Neither say they in 24
their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our
God, that giveth rain, both the former and
the latter, in its season; that reserveth unto us
the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your 25
iniquities have turned away these things, and
your sins have withholden good from you.
For among my people are found wicked men: 26
they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a
trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of 27
birds, so are their houses full of deceit: there-
fore they are become great, and waxen rich.
They are waxen fat, they are sleek: yea, they 28
overpass in deeds of wickedness: they plead
not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that
they should prosper; and the right of the needy
do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these 29
things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be
avenged on such a nation as this?

LII

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

JEREMIAH 7. 1-15; 26. 7-16

- 7 1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the
2 LORD, saying, Stand in the gate of the LORD'S
house, and proclaim there this word, and say,
Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah,
that enter in at these gates to worship the
3 LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings,
and I will cause you to dwell in this place.
4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple
of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple
5 of the LORD, are these. For if ye thoroughly
amend your ways and your doings; if ye
thoroughly execute judgment between a man
6 and his neighbor; if ye oppress not the stranger,
the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not
innocent blood in this place, neither walk after
7 other gods to your own hurt: then will I cause
you to dwell in this place, in the land that I
gave to your fathers, from of old even for
8 evermore. Behold, ye trust in lying words,
9 that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder,
and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and
burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other
10 gods whom ye have not known, and come and
stand before me in this house, which is called

by my name, and say, We are delivered; that ye
 may do all these abominations? Is this house, 11
 which is called by my name, become a den of
 robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have
 seen it, saith the LORD. But go ye now unto 12
 my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused
 my name to dwell at the first, and see what I
 did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.
 And now, because ye have done all these 13
 works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you,
 rising up early and speaking, but ye heard
 not; and I called you, but ye answered not:
 therefore will I do unto the house, which is 14
 called by my name, wherein ye trust, and
 unto the place which I gave to you and to
 your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And 15
 I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast
 out all your brethren, even the whole seed of
 Ephraim.

And the priests and the prophets and all the 7 26
 people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in
 the house of the LORD. And it came to pass, 8
 when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking
 all that the LORD had commanded him to speak
 unto all the people, that the priests and the
 prophets and all the people laid hold on him,
 saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou 9
 prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying,
 This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city
 shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all

the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

- 10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's *house*.
- 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your
- 12 ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have
- 13 heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against
- 14 you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your
- 15 eyes. Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye shall bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these
- 16 words in your ears. Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

LIII

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

DANIEL 5

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to 1 5
 a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before
 the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted 2
 the wine, commanded to bring the golden and
 silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father
 had taken out of the temple which was in
 Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his
 wives and his concubines, might drink therein.
 Then they brought the golden vessels that 3
 were taken out of the temple of the house of
 God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and
 his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank
 in them. They drank wine, and praised the 4
 gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of
 wood, and of stone. In the same hour came 5
 forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote
 over against the candlestick upon the plaster
 of the wall of the king's palace: and the king
 saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then 6
 the king's countenance was changed in him,
 and his thoughts alarmed him; and the joints
 of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote
 one against another. The king cried aloud to 7
 bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and
 the soothsayers. The king spake and said to

- the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall rule
- 8 as one of three in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king
- 9 the interpretation. Then was king Belshazzar greatly alarmed, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.
- 10 *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee,
- 11 nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him: and the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and sooth-
- 12 sayers; forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and declaring of riddles, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.
- 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the

king. The king spake and said unto Daniel,
 Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children
 of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my
 father brought out of Judah? I have heard of 14
 thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and
 that light and understanding and excellent
 wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise 15
 men, the enchanters, have been brought in
 before me, that they should read this writing,
 and make known unto me the interpretation
 thereof: but they could not show the inter-
 pretation of the thing. But I have heard of 16
 thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and
 dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the
 writing, and make known to me the inter-
 pretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with
 purple, and have a chain of gold about thy
 neck, and shalt rule as one of three in the
 kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said 17
 before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself,
 and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless
 I will read the writing unto the king, and make
 known to him the interpretation. O thou 18
 king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar
 thy father the kingdom, and greatness, and
 glory, and majesty: and because of the great- 19
 ness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations,
 and languages trembled and feared before him:
 whom he would he slew, and whom he would
 he kept alive; and whom he would he raised

20 up, and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took
21 his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven: until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up
22 over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine
23 heart, though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all
24 thy ways, hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the hand sent from before him,
25 and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed, MENE, MENE,
26 TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy
27 kingdom, and brought it to an end. TEKEL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found

wanting. PERES; thy kingdom is divided, and 28
 given to the Medes and Persians. Then com- 29
 manded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel
 with purple, and put a chain of gold about his
 neck, and made proclamation concerning him,
 that he should rule as one of three in the
 kingdom. In that night Belshazzar the Chal- 30
 dean king was slain. And Darius the Mede 31
 received the kingdom, being about threescore
 and two years old.

LIV

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

PROVERBS 3. 1-20

- 3 1 My son, forget not my instruction;
But let thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, shall they add to thee.
3 Let not kindness and faithfulness forsake thee:
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favor and good repute
In the sight of God and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding:
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he shall direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes;
Fear the LORD, and depart from evil:
8 It shall be health to thy body,
And refreshment to thy bones.
9 Honor the LORD with thy substance,
And with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
11 My son, despise not the chastening of the
LORD;
Neither be weary of his reproof:

For whom the LORD loveth he reproveth: 12
 Even as a father the son in whom he de-
 lighteth.
 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, 13
 And the man that getteth understanding.
 For the merchandise of it is better than the 14
 merchandise of silver,
 And the gain thereof than fine gold.
 She is more precious than coral: 15
 And none of the things thou canst desire are
 to be compared unto her.
 Length of days is in her right hand; 16
 In her left hand are riches and honor.
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, 17
 And all her paths are peace.
 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon 18
 her:
 And happy is every one that retaineth her.
 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, 19
 By understanding he established the heavens.
 By his knowledge the depths were broken up, 20
 And the skies drop down the dew.

LV

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

PROVERBS 8. 1-21

- 8 1 Doth not wisdom cry,
And understanding put forth her voice?
2 At the head of thoroughfares, on the road,
In the streets, she standeth;
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the entrance of the gates, she crieth aloud:
4 Unto you, O men, I call;
And my voice is to the sons of men.
5 O ye simple, understand prudence;
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding
heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;
And the opening of my lips shall be right
things.
7 For my mouth shall utter truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
8 All the words of my mouth are just;
There is nothing crooked or perverse in them.
9 They are all plain to him that understandeth,
And right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
11 For wisdom is better than coral;
And all the things that may be desired are not
to be compared unto her.

I wisdom possess intelligence, 12
 And find out knowledge *and* discretion.
 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: 13
 Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,
 And the froward mouth, do I hate.
 Counsel is mine, and sound knowledge: 14
 I am understanding; I have might.
 By me kings reign, 15
 And princes decree justice.
 By me princes reign, 16
 And nobles rule the earth.
 I love them that love me; 17
 And those that seek me diligently shall find
 me.
 Riches and honor are with me; 18
Yea, durable riches and righteousness.
 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine 19
 gold;
 And my produce than choice silver.
 I walk in the way of righteousness, 20
 In the midst of the paths of justice:
 That I may cause those that love me to inherit 21
 wealth,
 And that I may fill their treasuries.

LVI

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

PROVERBS 31. 10-31

- 3110 A good woman who can find?
For her price is far above coral.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of gain.
- 12 She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant-ships;
She bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth meat to her household,
And a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it:
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a
vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable:
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She spreadeth out her hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her house- 21
 hold;
 For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
 She maketh for herself coverings; 22
 Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
 Her husband is known in the gates, 23
 When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
 She maketh linen garments and selleth them; 24
 And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
 Strength and dignity are her clothing; 25
 And she laugheth at the time to come.
 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; 26
 And kindly instruction is on her tongue.
 She looketh well to the ways of her household, 27
 And eateth not the bread of idleness.
 Her children rise up, and call her blessed; 28
 Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her, *saying*:
 Many daughters have done virtuously, 29
 But thou excellest them all.
 Beauty is deceitful, and comeliness is vain: 30
But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall
 be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands; 31
 And let her works praise her in the gates.

LVII

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity

JOB 5. 6-26

- 5 6 For affliction cometh not forth of the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
7 But man is born unto trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.
8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause:
9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable;
Marvelous things without number:
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,
And sendeth waters upon the fields:
11 So that he setteth up on high those that be
low;
And those which mourn are exalted to safety.
12 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands cannot perform their
enterprise.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness:
And the counsel of the froward is carried
headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the day-time,
And grope at noonday as in the night.
15 But he saveth from the sword of their mouth,
Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor hath hope,
And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: 17

Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; 18

He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles; 19

Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

In famine he shall redeem thee from death; 20

And in war from the power of the sword.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue; 21

Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh; 22

Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field; 23

And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace, 24

And thou shalt visit thy fold, and shalt miss nothing.

Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, 25

And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, 26

Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.

LVIII

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity

JOB 28

- 28 1 Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place for gold which they refine.
- 2 Iron is taken out of the earth,
And copper is molten out of the stone.
- 3 *Man* setteth an end to darkness,
And searcheth out to the furthest bound
The stones of thick darkness and of the shadow
of death.
- 4 He breaketh open a shaft away from where
men sojourn;
They are forgotten of the foot *that passeth by*;
They hang afar from men, they swing to
and fro.
- 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread:
And underneath it is turned up as it were
by fire.
- 6 The stones thereof are the place of sapphires,
And it hath dust of gold.
- 7 That path no bird of prey knoweth,
Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it:
- 8 The proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.
- 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty
rock;
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.

He cutteth out channels among the rocks; 10
 And his eye seeth every precious thing.
 He bindeth the streams that they trickle not; 11
 And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to
 light.
 But where shall wisdom be found? 12
 And where is the place of understanding?
 Man knoweth not the price thereof; 13
 Neither is it found in the land of the living.
 The deep saith, It is not in me: 14
 And the sea saith, It is not with me.
 It cannot be gotten for gold, 15
 Neither shall silver be weighed for the price
 thereof.
 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, 16
 With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
 Gold and glass cannot equal it: 17
 Neither shall the exchange thereof be jewels
 of fine gold.
 No mention shall be made of coral or of 18
 crystal:
 Yea, the price of wisdom is above rubies.
 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, 19
 Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
 Whence then cometh wisdom? 20
 And where is the place of understanding?
 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, 21
 And kept close from the fowls of the air.
 Destruction and Death say, 22
 We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears.

- 23 God understandeth the way thereof,
And he knoweth the place thereof.
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven;
- 25 To make a weight for the wind;
Yea, he meteth out the waters by measure.
- 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the lightning of the thunder:
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it;
He established it, yea, and searched it out.
- 28 And unto man he said,
Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.

LIX

Sunday next before Advent

ECCLESIASTES 11. 1-4, 6-10; 12. 1-8, 13, 14

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou 111
 shalt find it after many days. Give a portion 2
 to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou
 knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty them- 3
 selves upon the earth: and if a tree fall toward
 the south, or toward the north, in the place
 where the tree falleth, there shall it be. He 4
 that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he
 that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the 6
 evening withhold not thine hand: for thou
 knowest not which shall prosper, whether this
 or that, or whether they both shall be alike
 good. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant 7
 thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. Yea, 8
 if a man live many years, let him rejoice in
 them all; but let him remember the days of
 darkness, for they shall be many. All that
 cometh is vanity.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and 9
 let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy
 youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart,
 and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou,
 that for all these things God will bring thee

- 10 into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for youth and the prime of life are
- 12 1 vanity. Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say,
- 2 I have no pleasure in them; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain:
- 3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows
- 4 be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought
- 5 low; yea, they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and terrors *shall be* in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and the caper-berry shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and
- 6 the mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the foun-
- 7 tain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it.
- 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity.

This is the end of the matter; all hath been 13
heard: fear God, and keep his commandments;
for this is the whole *duty* of man. For God 14
shall bring every work into judgment, upon
every hidden thing, whether it be good or
whether it be evil.

ALTERNATIVE I

First Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 1. 1-20

- 1 1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which
he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the
days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,
kings of Judah.
- 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for
the LORD hath spoken: I have nourished and
brought up children, and they have rebelled
3 against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and
the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not
4 know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful
nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of
evil-doers, children that deal corruptly: they
have forsaken the LORD, they have despised
the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged
5 *and gone* backward. Why will ye be still
stricken, that ye revolt more and more? the
whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
- 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head
there is no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and
bruises, and festering sores: they have not
been closed, neither bound up, neither molli-
7 fied with oil. Your country is desolate; your
cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers
devour it in your presence, and it is desolate,
8 as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter

of ZION is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah. 9

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies,—I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil: learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

- 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith
the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow; though they be red
19 like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be
willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of
20 the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be
devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the
LORD hath spoken it.

ALTERNATIVE II

Second Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 5. 1-20

Let me sing for my wellbeloved a song of 1 5
my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-
beloved had a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:
and he made a trench about it, and gathered 2
out the stones thereof, and planted it with the
choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of
it, and also hewed out a winepress therein: and
he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, 3
O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
What could have been done more to my vine- 4
yard, that I have not done in it? wherefore,
when I looked that it should bring forth grapes,
brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; 5
I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof, and it
shall be eaten up; I will break down the fence
thereof, and it shall be trodden down: and I 6
will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor
hoed; but there shall come up briers and thorns:
I will also command the clouds that they rain
no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD 7
of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of
Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for

judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

- 8 Woe unto them that join house to house,
that lay field to field, till there be no room, and
ye be made to dwell alone in the midst of the
9 land! In mine ears *saith* the LORD of hosts,
Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even
10 great and fair, without inhabitant. For ten
acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a
homer of seed shall yield *but* an ephah.
- 11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the
morning, that they may follow strong drink;
that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame
12 them! And the harp and the lute, the tabret
and the pipe, and wine, are *in* their feasts: but
they regard not the work of the LORD, neither
have they considered the operation of his
13 hands. Therefore my people are gone into
captivity, for lack of knowledge: and their
honorable men are famished, and their multi-
14 tude are parched with thirst. Therefore Sheol
hath enlarged her desire, and opened her mouth
without measure: and their glory, and their
multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth
15 among them, descend *into it*. And the mean
man is bowed down, and the great man is
humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are hum-
16 bled: but the LORD of hosts is exalted in judg-
ment, and God the Holy One is sanctified in
17 righteousness. Then shall the lambs feed as

in their pasture, and the waste places of the fat ones shall wanderers eat.

Woe unto them that draw iniquity with 18
cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart
rope: that say, Let him make speed, let him 19
hasten his work, that we may see it: and let
the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw
nigh and come, that we may know it!

Woe unto them that call evil good, and 20
good evil; that put darkness for light, and
light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet,
and sweet for bitter!

ALTERNATIVE III

Third Sunday in Advent

ISAIAH 25. 1-9

- 25 1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee,
I will praise thy name; for thou hast done
wonderful things, *even* counsels of old, in
2 faithfulness *and* truth. For thou hast made
of a city an heap; of a defended city a ruin:
a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall
3 never be built. Therefore shall the strong
people glorify thee, the city of the terrible
4 nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been
a strong hold to the poor, a strong hold to the
needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm,
a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the
terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.
5 As the heat in a dry place shalt thou bring
down the noise of strangers; as the heat by
the shadow of a cloud, the song of the terrible
6 ones shall be brought low. And in this
mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto
all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of
wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow,
7 of wines on the lees well refined. And he will
destroy in this mountain the face of the cover-
ing that is cast over all peoples, and the veil
8 that is spread over all nations. He hath
swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord

GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is 9
our God; we have waited for him, and he will
save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for
him, we will be glad and rejoice in his sal-
vation.

ALTERNATIVE IV

Fourth Sunday in Advent

ZECHARIAH 2

- 2 1 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
- 2 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the
- 3 length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel
- 4 came forth to meet him, and he said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men
- 5 and cattle therein. For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I
- 6 will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I will gather you from the four winds of
- 7 the heaven, saith the LORD. Ho Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts:
- 8 After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you
- 9 toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath

sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of 10
Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the
midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many 11
nations shall join themselves to the LORD in
that day, and shall be my people: and I will
dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt
know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah 12
as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet
choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all flesh, before 13
the LORD: for he is waked up out of his holy
habitation.

ALTERNATIVE VIII

First Sunday after Epiphany

ISAIAH 51. 1-16

- 51 1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the
2 hole of the pit whence ye were digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him
3 many. For the LORD hath comforted Zion: he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
- 4 Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will make my judgment
5 to rest for a light of the peoples. My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for me, and on mine arm shall
6 they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner:

but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, 7
 the people in whose heart is my law; fear
 ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dis-
 mayed at their revilings. For the moth shall 8
 eat them up like a garment, and the worm
 shall eat them like wool: but my righteous-
 ness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto
 all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of 9
 the LORD; awake, as in the days of old, the
 generations of ancient times. Is it not thou
 that cut Rahab in pieces, that pierced the
 dragon? Is it not thou that dried up the 10
 sea, the waters of the great deep; that made
 the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed
 to pass over? And the ransomed of the LORD 11
 shall return, and come with singing unto
 Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their
 heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, *and*
 sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who 12
 art thou, that thou art afraid of man that
 shall die, and of the son of man which shall be
 made as grass; and hast forgotten the LORD 13
 thy Maker, that stretched forth the heavens,
 and laid the foundations of the earth; and
 fearest continually all the day because of the
 fury of the oppressor, when he maketh ready

to destroy? and where is the fury of the
14 oppressor? The captive exile shall speedily be
loosed; and he shall not die *and go down* into
15 the pit, neither shall his bread fail. For I am
the LORD thy God, which stirreth up the sea,
that the waves thereof roar: the LORD of hosts
16 is his name. And I have put my words in thy
mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow
of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens,
and lay the foundations of the earth, and say
unto Zion, Thou art my people.

ALTERNATIVE X

Third Sunday after Epiphany

HOSEA 14. 1-9

O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; 114
 for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take 2
 with you words, and return unto the LORD:
 say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and
 accept that which is good: so will we render
as bullocks *the offering of* our lips. Asshur 3
 shall not save us; we will not ride upon
 horses: neither will we say any more to the
 work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in
 thee the fatherless findeth mercy. I will 4
 heal their backsliding, I will love them freely:
 for mine anger is turned away from him.
 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall 5
 blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots
 as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and 6
 his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and
 his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell 7
 under his shadow shall return; they shall
 revive *as* the corn, and blossom as the vine:
 the scent thereof shall be as the wine of
 Lebanon. Ephraim *shall say*, What have 8
 I to do any more with idols? I have
 answered, and will regard him: I am like a
 green fir tree; from me is thy fruit found.

- 9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein.

ALTERNATIVE XIII

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

MICAH 6. 1-8

Hear ye now what the LORD saith: Arise, 1 6
 contend thou before the mountains, and let
 the hills hear thy voice. Hear, O ye moun- 2
 tains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye endur-
 ing foundations of the earth: for the LORD
 hath a controversy with his people, and he
 will plead with Israel. O my people, what 3
 have I done unto thee? and wherein have I
 wearied thee? testify against me. For I 4
 brought thee up out of the land of Egypt,
 and redeemed thee out of the house of bond-
 age; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron,
 and Miriam. O my people, remember now 5
 what Balak king of Moab consulted, and
 what Balaam the son of Beor answered him;
remember from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye
 may know the righteous acts of the LORD.
 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, 6
 and bow myself before the high God? shall
 I come before him with burnt offerings, with
 calves of a year old? Will the LORD be 7
 pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten
 thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my
 firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of

8 my body for the sin of my soul? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

ALTERNATIVE XVII

First Sunday in Lent

GENESIS 18

And the LORD appeared unto [Abraham] 118
by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the
tent door in the heat of the day; and he lift 2
up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men
stood over against him: and when he saw
them, he ran to meet them from the tent
door, and bowed himself to the earth, and said,
My lord, if now I have found favor in thy 3
sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy
servant: let now a little water be fetched, and 4
wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the
tree: and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and 5
comfort ye your heart; after that ye shall pass
on: forasmuch as ye are come to your servant.
And they said, So do, as thou hast said.
And Abraham hastened into the tent unto 6
Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three
measures of fine meal, knead it, and make
cakes. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and 7
fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it
unto the servant; and he hasted to dress it.
And he took butter, and milk, and the calf 8
which he had dressed, and set it before them;
and he stood by them under the tree, and they
did eat. And they said unto him, Where is 9

- Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the
10 tent. And he said, I will certainly return
unto thee when the season cometh round;
and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.
And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was
11 behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were
old, *and* well stricken in age; it had ceased
to be with Sarah after the manner of women.
12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying,
After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure,
13 my lord being old also? And the LORD said
unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh,
saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which
14 am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD?
At the set time I will return unto thee, when
the season cometh round, and Sarah shall
15 have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, I
laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said,
Nay; but thou didst laugh.
16 And the men rose up from thence, and
looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went
7 with them to bring them on the way. And
the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham
18 that which I do; seeing that Abraham shall
surely become a great and mighty nation, and
all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in
19 him? For I have known him, to the end that
he may command his children and his house-
hold after him, that they may keep the way
of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; to

the end that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom 20 and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see 21 whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned 22 from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And 23 Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked? Perad- 24 venture there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, 25 to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find 26 in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. And 27 Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: peradventure 28 there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five. And he spake unto him yet 29 again, and said, Peradventure there shall be

- forty found there. And he said, I will not do
30 it for the forty's sake. And he said, Oh let
not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there.
And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty
31 there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken
upon me to speak unto the Lord: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And
he said, I will not destroy it for the twenty's
32 sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be
angry, and I will speak yet but this once:
peradventure ten shall be found there. And
he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake.
33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had
left communing with Abraham: and Abraham
returned unto his place.

ALTERNATIVE XXIV

Easter Day

EZEKIEL 37. 1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he 137
carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and
set me down in the midst of the valley; and it
was full of bones; and he caused me to pass 2
by them round about: and behold, there were
very many upon the face of the valley; and lo,
they were very dry. And he said unto me, 3
Son of man, can these bones live? And I
answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again 4
he said unto me, Prophecy over these bones,
and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the
word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord God 5
unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath
to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I 6
will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up
flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and
put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye
shall know that I am the LORD. So I prophesied 7
as I was commanded: and as I prophesied,
there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and
the bones came together, bone to his bone.
And I beheld, and lo, there were sinews upon 8
them, and flesh came up, and skin covered
them above: but there was no breath in them.
Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the 9

- wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon
10 these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our
12 hope is lost; we are clean cut off. Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the
13 land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves,
14 O my people. And I will put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

ALTERNATIVE XXVII

Third Sunday after Easter

ISAIAH 60

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the 160
 glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, 2
 behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and
 gross darkness the peoples: but the LORD shall
 arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen
 upon thee. And nations shall come to thy 3
 light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they 4
 all gather themselves together, they come to
 thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy
 daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then 5
 thou shalt see and be lightened, and thine
 heart shall tremble and be enlarged; because
 the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto
 thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto
 thee. The multitude of camels shall cover 6
 thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
 they all shall come from Sheba: they shall
 bring gold and frankincense, and shall pro-
 claim the praises of the LORD. All the flocks 7
 of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee,
 the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee:
 they shall come up with acceptance on mine
 altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.
 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the 8

- 9 doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because
- 10 he hath glorified thee. And strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee.
- 11 Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and
- 13 their kings led *with them*. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together; to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make
- 14 the place of my feet glorious. And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many
- 16 generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty
- 17 One of Jacob. For copper I will bring gold,

and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and righteousness thy ruler. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, 18 desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy 19 light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down, 20 neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy 21 people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for ever; the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may 22 be glorified. The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

ALTERNATIVE XXXI

Whitsunday

EXODUS 34. 1-10, 29-35

- 34 1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon the tables the words that were
2 on the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me on the top of the mount.
3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed
4 before that mount. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone.
5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and he stood with him there, and called upon the
6 name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD, a God full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and
7 truth; keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin: and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and

upon the children's children, upon the third
and upon the fourth generation. And Moses 8
made haste, and bowed his head toward the
earth, and worshiped. And he said, If now 9
I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let
the Lord, I pray thee, go in the midst of us;
for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our
iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine
inheritance. And he said, Behold, I make a 10
covenant: before all thy people I will do mar-
vels, such as have not been wrought in all the
earth, nor in any nation: and all the people
among which thou art shall see the work of
the LORD, for it is a terrible thing that I do
with thee.

And it came to pass, when Moses came 29
down from mount Sinai with the two tables
of the testimony in Moses' hand, when he
came down from the mount, that Moses wist
not that the skin of his face shone by reason
of his speaking with him. And when Aaron 30
and all the children of Israel saw Moses, be-
hold, the skin of his face shone; and they were
afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called 31
unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of
the congregation returned unto him: and
Moses spake to them. And afterward all the 32
children of Israel came nigh: and he gave
them in commandment all that the LORD had
spoken with him in mount Sinai. And when 33

Moses had done speaking with them, he put
34 a veil on his face. But when Moses went in
before the LORD to speak with him, he took
the veil off, until he came out; and he came
out, and spake unto the children of Israel
35 that which he was commanded; and the chil-
dren of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the
skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the
veil upon his face again, until he went in to
speak with him.

ALTERNATIVE XLIV

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

HABAKKUK 2. 1-14

I will stand upon my watch, and set me 1 2
 upon the tower, and will look forth to see
 what he will speak with me, and what he will
 answer concerning my complaint. And the 2
 LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision,
 and make it plain upon tablets, that he may
 run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for 3
 the appointed time, and it 'hasteth toward the
 end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait
 for it; because it will surely come, it will not
 delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not 4
 upright in him: but the just shall live by his
 faithfulness. Yea, moreover, wine is a treacher- 5
 ous dealer, a haughty man, and that keepeth
 not at home; who enlargeth his desire as Sheol,
 and he is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but
 gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth
 unto him all peoples. Shall not all these take 6
 up a parable against him, and a taunting pro-
 verb against him, and say, Woe to him that
 increaseth that which is not his! how long?
 and that ladeth himself with pledges! Shall 7
 they not rise up suddenly that shall exact
 usury of thee, and awake that shall shake

^a Heb. *panteth*.

thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

- 8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.
- 9 Woe to him that getteth an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of
- 10 evil! Thou hast devised shame to thy house, by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned
- 11 against thy soul. For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.
- 12 Woe to him, that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!
- 13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations
- 14 weary themselves for vanity? For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

ALTERNATIVE XLVI

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

AMOS 5. 4-24

Thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, 4 5
 Seek ye me, and ye shall live: but seek not 5
 Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to
 Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into cap-
 tivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought. Seek 6
 the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out
 like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour
 and there be none to quench it in Beth-el:
 ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and cast 7
 down righteousness to the earth; *seek him* that 8
 maketh the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth
 the shadow of death into the morning, and
 maketh the day dark with night; that calleth
 for the waters of the sea, and poureth them
 out upon the face of the earth; the LORD is his 9
 name; that bringeth sudden destruction upon
 the strong, so that destruction cometh upon
 the fortress. They hate him that reproveth 10
 in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh
 uprightly. Forasmuch therefore as ye trample 11
 upon the poor, and take exactions from him
 of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone,
 but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted
 pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the
 wine thereof. For I know how manifold are 12

your transgressions and how mighty are your sins; ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate *from*
13 *their right*. Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an
14 evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
15 shall be with you, as ye say. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of
16 Joseph. Therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are
17 skilful of lamentation to wailing. And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! wherefore would ye have the day of the LORD?
19 it is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall,
20 and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even
21 very dark, and no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight
22 in your solemn assemblies. Yea, though ye offer me your burnt offerings and meal offer-

ings, I will not accept them: neither will I
regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.
Take thou away from me the noise of thy 23
songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy
viols. But let judgment roll down as waters, 24
and righteousness as a mighty stream.

ALTERNATIVE L

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

JONAH 3. 1—4. 11

- 3 1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah
2 the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the
3 preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of three days' journey.
4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.
5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of
6 them. And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him
7 with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not
8 feed, nor drink water: but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from

the violence that is in their hands. Who 9
 knoweth whether God will not turn and
 repent, and turn away from his fierce anger,
 that we perish not? And God saw their works, 10
 that they turned from their evil way; and God
 repented of the evil, which he said he would
 do unto them; and he did it not. But it dis- 1 4
 pleased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.
 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray 2
 thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I
 was yet in my country? Therefore I hasted
 to flee unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art
 a gracious God, and full of compassion, slow
 to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and repentest
 thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take, 3
 I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better
 for me to die than to live. And the LORD said, 4
 Doest thou well to be angry? Then Jonah 5
 went out of the city, and sat on the east side
 of the city, and there made him a booth, and
 sat under it in the shadow, till he might see
 what would become of the city. And the 6
 LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to
 come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow
 over his head, to deliver him from his evil case.
 So Jonah was exceeding glad because of the
 gourd. But God prepared a worm when the 7
 morning rose the next day, and it smote the
 gourd, that it withered. And it came to pass, 8
 when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry

east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better
9 for me to die than to live. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry
10 even unto death. And the LORD said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:
11 and should not I have pity on Nineveh, that great city; wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

ALTERNATIVE LIII

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

EZEKIEL 14

Then came certain of the elders of Israel 114
unto me, and sat before me. And the word 2
of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of 3
man, these men have taken their idols into
their heart, and put the stumblingblock of
their iniquity before their face: should I be
inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak 4
unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the
Lord God: Every man of the house of Israel
that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth
the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his
face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD
will answer him therein according to the mul-
titude of his idols; that I may take the house 5
of Israel in their own heart, because they are
all estranged from me through their idols.
Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus 6
saith the Lord God: Return ye, and turn
yourselves from your idols; and turn away
your faces from all your abominations. For 7
every one of the house of Israel, or of the
strangers that sojourn in Israel, which separateth
himself from me, and taketh his idols
into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock
of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to

- the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I the
8 LORD will answer him by myself: and I will set
my face against that man, and will make him
an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb,
and I will cut him off from the midst of my
people; and ye shall know that I am the
9 LORD. And if the prophet be deceived and
speaketh a word, I the LORD have deceived
that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand
upon him, and will destroy him from the
10 midst of my people Israel. And they shall
bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the
prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him
11 that seeketh *unto him*; that the house of
Israel may go no more astray from me,
neither defile themselves any more with all
their transgressions; but that they may be
my people, and I may be their God, saith
the Lord God.
- 12 And the word of the LORD came unto me,
13 saying, Son of man, when a land sinneth
against me by committing a trespass, and I
stretch out mine hand upon it, and break the
staff of the bread thereof, and send famine
upon it, and cut off from it man and beast;
14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and
Job, were in it, they should deliver but their
own souls by their righteousness, saith the
15 Lord God. If I cause noisome beasts to pass
through the land, and they spoil it, so that it

be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts; though these three men 16 were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate. Or if I bring a sword upon that 17 land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; though 18 these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. Or if I send a pestilence into 19 that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, 20 as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. For thus saith the Lord God: 21 How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? Yet, behold, should there be left a remnant 22 that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have

23 brought upon it. And they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

ALTERNATIVE LIV

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

NEHEMIAH 8. 1-12

And all the people gathered themselves to- 1 8
 gether as one man into the broad place that
 was before the water gate; and they spake
 unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the
 law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded
 to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the 2
 law before the congregation, both men and
 women, and all that could hear with under-
 standing, upon the first day of the seventh
 month. And he read therein before the broad 3
 place that was before the water gate from
 early morning until midday, in the presence of
 the men and the women, and of those that
 could understand; and the ears of all the people
 were *attentive* unto the book of the law.
 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of 4
 wood, which they had made for the purpose;
 and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema,
 and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and
 Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left
 hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and
 Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, *and*
 Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in 5
 the sight of all the people; (for he was above
 all the people;) and when he opened it, all the

- 6 people stood up: and Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with the lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
- 7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the
- 8 law: and the people *stood* in their place. And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they
- 9 understood the reading. And Nehemiah, which was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the
- 10 words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved; for the joy of the LORD
- 11 is your strength. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is
- 12 holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

ALTERNATIVE LVI

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

HAGGAI 2. 1-9

In the seventh <i>month</i> , in the one and twen-	1	2
tieth <i>day</i> of the month, came the word of the		
LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Speak	2	
now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,		
governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of		
Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant		
of the people, saying, Who is left among you	3	
that saw this house in its former glory? and		
how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as		
nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel,	4	
saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son		
of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong,		
all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and		
work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of		
hosts, and my spirit abideth among you: fear	5	
ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts:	6	
Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake		
the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and		
the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and	7	
the desirable things of all nations shall come,		
and I will fill this house with glory, saith the		
LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the	8	
gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The	9	
latter glory of this house shall be greater than		
the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in		
this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of		
hosts.		

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CALENDAR RUBRICS

THE following directions and tables are for the use of those who may desire to read the Scripture passages according to the Days of the Church Year. They who would prefer to read according to any other system may follow the numbers and neglect these Calendar rubrics, as has already been suggested in the Preface. These directions for finding the day in the Church Year have been made more elaborate and abundant than many are likely to need. They are intentionally numerous and precise for the help of those to whom the Church Year is less familiar or even strange.

I

1. The *Movable Festivals* all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent*.

2. *Advent Sunday*, called also *First Sunday in Advent*, is always the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth day of November, whether before or after. The thirtieth day of November is St. Andrew's Day.

3. *Easter Day*, upon which the rest depend, is always the first *Sunday* after the full moon, which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the full moon happen upon a Sunday, *Easter Day* is the Sunday after. *Note.* The full moon here meant is the fourteenth day of a lunar month, reckoned according to an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and not the real or astronomical full moon.

4. To supply the dates of Easter, without need of computation, the following table is offered.

CALENDAR RUBRICS

II

A TABLE OF THE DAYS ON WHICH EASTER WILL FALL FROM
1920 TO 1970

1920..... April 4	1937..... March 28	1954..... April 18
1921..... March 27	1938..... April 17	1955..... April 10
1922..... April 16	1939..... April 9	1956..... April 1
1923..... April 1	1940..... March 24	1957..... April 21
1924..... April 20	1941..... April 13	1958..... April 6
1925..... April 12	1942..... April 5	1959..... March 29
1926..... April 4	1943..... April 25	1960..... April 17
1927..... April 17	1944..... April 9	1961..... April 2
1928..... April 8	1945..... April 1	1962..... April 22
1929..... March 31	1946..... April 21	1963..... April 14
1930..... April 20	1947..... April 6	1964..... March 29
1931..... April 5	1948..... March 28	1965..... April 18
1932..... March 27	1949..... April 17	1966..... April 10
1933..... April 16	1950..... April 9	1967..... March 26
1934..... April 1	1951..... March 25	1968..... April 14
1935..... April 21	1952..... April 13	1969..... April 6
1936..... April 12	1953..... April 5	1970..... March 29

III

Septuagesima } Sunday is { Nine }
 Sexagesima } { Eight } Weeks before Easter.
 Quinquagesima } { Seven }

Ascension-day } is { Forty Days }
Whitsunday } { Seven Weeks } after Easter.
Trinity Sunday } { Eight Weeks }

Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of Lent, is forty-six days before Easter.

Palm Sunday, or the beginning of Holy Week, is seven days before Easter.

Holy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter.

CALENDAR RUBRICS

IV

A TABLE OF THE MOVABLE FEASTS, ACCORDING TO THE SEVERAL DAYS THAT EASTER CAN POSSIBLY FALL UPON

EASTER DAY	Sundays after Epiphany	Septuagesima Sunday	Ash Wednesday	Ascension Day	Whitsunday	Sundays after Trinity	First Sunday in Advent
Mar. 22	1	Jan. 18	Feb. 4	Apr. 30	May 10	27	Nov. 29
Mar. 23	1	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	May 1	May 11	27	Nov. 30
Mar. 24	1	Jan. 20	Feb. 6	May 2	May 12	27	Dec. 1
Mar. 25	2	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	May 3	May 13	27	Dec. 2
Mar. 26	2	Jan. 22	Feb. 8	May 4	May 14	27	Dec. 3
Mar. 27	2	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	May 5	May 15	26	Nov. 27
Mar. 28	2	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	May 6	May 16	26	Nov. 28
Mar. 29	2	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	May 7	May 17	26	Nov. 29
Mar. 30	2	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	May 8	May 18	26	Nov. 30
Mar. 31	2	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	May 9	May 19	26	Dec. 1
Apr. 1	3	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	May 10	May 20	26	Dec. 2
Apr. 2	3	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	May 11	May 21	26	Dec. 3
Apr. 3	3	Jan. 30	Feb. 16	May 12	May 22	25	Nov. 27
Apr. 4	3	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	May 13	May 23	25	Nov. 28
Apr. 5	3	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	May 14	May 24	25	Nov. 29
Apr. 6	3	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	May 15	May 25	25	Nov. 30
Apr. 7	3	Feb. 3	Feb. 20	May 16	May 26	25	Dec. 1
Apr. 8	4	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	May 17	May 27	25	Dec. 2
Apr. 9	4	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	May 18	May 28	25	Dec. 3
Apr. 10	4	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	May 19	May 29	24	Nov. 27
Apr. 11	4	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	May 20	May 30	24	Nov. 28
Apr. 12	4	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	May 21	May 31	24	Nov. 29
Apr. 13	4	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	May 22	June 1	24	Nov. 30
Apr. 14	4	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	May 23	June 2	24	Dec. 1
Apr. 15	5	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	May 24	June 3	24	Dec. 2
Apr. 16	5	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	May 25	June 4	24	Dec. 3
Apr. 17	5	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	May 26	June 5	23	Nov. 27
Apr. 18	5	Feb. 14	Mar. 3	May 27	June 6	23	Nov. 28
Apr. 19	5	Feb. 15	Mar. 4	May 28	June 7	23	Nov. 29
Apr. 20	5	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	May 29	June 8	23	Nov. 30
Apr. 21	5	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	May 30	June 9	23	Dec. 1
Apr. 22	6	Feb. 18	Mar. 7	May 31	June 10	23	Dec. 2
Apr. 23	6	Feb. 19	Mar. 8	June 1	June 11	23	Dec. 3
Apr. 24	6	Feb. 20	Mar. 9	June 2	June 12	22	Nov. 27
Apr. 25	6	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	June 3	June 13	22	Nov. 28

NOTE.—In a leap year the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had fallen one day later than it really does; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash Wednesday fall one day later than that given in the Table, unless the Table gives some day in March for Ash Wednesday; for in that case the day given by the Table is the right day.

CALENDAR RUBRICS

V.

To make still more easy the search for the lesson for any particular day in the Church Calendar there is here provided a complete list of lessons for every Sunday for twenty-one years. If this little Lectionary should endure so long, and find a place of usefulness, it may be hoped that another Calendar may be prepared before this is exhausted, or that any minister who has used it may by that time be so familiar with the Days of the Ecclesiastical Year as not to need a Calendar so elaborate, but be able for himself to locate the lesson for any day by means of the other Tables.

The Tables are here only for those who wish to use them. The Scripture Lesson is the end, aim, purpose. Let us read the Old Testament in the hearing of the people, by this ancient system, or by some other system, or by no system at all. The means are not important, if so be that the end be accomplished.

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	First Sunday after Epiphany	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Septuagesima Sunday	Sexagesima Sunday	Quinquagesima Sunday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday
1920....	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25				Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Feb. 29	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
1921....	Jan. 9	Jan. 16					Jan. 23	Jan. 30	Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20
1922....	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5		Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	April 2	April 9
1923....	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21				Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
1924....	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10		Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	April 6	April 13
1925....	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25	Feb. 1			Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	April 5
1926....	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24				Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
1927....	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30	Feb. 6		Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	April 3	April 10
1928....	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29			Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	April 1
1929....	Jan. 13	Jan. 20					Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24
1930....	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9		Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	April 6	April 13
1931....	Jan. 11	Jan. 18	Jan. 25				Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
1932....	Jan. 10	Jan. 17					Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20
1933....	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5		Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	April 2	April 9
1934....	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21				Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
1935....	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 10		Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	April 7	April 14
1936....	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2			Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29	April 5
1937....	Jan. 10	Jan. 17					Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Mar. 7	Mar. 14	Mar. 21
1938....	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 30	Feb. 6		Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	April 3	April 10
1939....	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29			Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	April 2
1940....	Jan. 7	Jan. 13					Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17

CALENDAR RUBRICS

	Good Friday	Easter Day	First Sunday after Easter	Second Sunday after Easter	Third Sunday after Easter	Fourth Sunday after Easter	Fifth Sunday after Easter	Sunday after Ascension Day	Whitsunday	Trinity Sunday	First Sunday after Trinity	Second Sunday after Trinity	Third Sunday after Trinity	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
1920....	April 2	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4
1921....	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
1922....	April 14	April 16	April 23	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16
1923....	Mar. 30	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
1924....	April 18	April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20
1925....	April 10	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
1926....	April 2	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4
1927....	April 15	April 17	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17
1928....	April 6	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 8
1929....	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
1930....	April 18	April 20	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	July 20
1931....	April 3	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
1932....	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
1933....	April 14	April 16	April 23	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16
1934....	Mar. 30	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
1935....	April 19	April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21
1936....	April 10	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
1937....	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
1938....	April 15	April 17	April 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17
1939....	April 7	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9
1940....	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	May 31	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23

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	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
1920....	July 11	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
1921....	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9
1922....	July 23	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
1923....	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14
1924....	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
1925....	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
1926....	July 11	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
1927....	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
1928....	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21
1929....	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13
1930....	July 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
1931....	July 12	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18
1932....	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9
1933....	July 23	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
1934....	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14
1935....	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3
1936....	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
1937....	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10
1938....	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
1939....	July 16	July 23	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
1940....	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6

CALENDAR RUBRICS

	Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity	Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity	Sunday next before Advent	First Sunday in Advent	Second Sunday in Advent	Third Sunday in Advent	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Christmas Day	First Sunday after Christmas	Second Sunday after Christmas
1920....	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14			Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Jan. 2, 1921
1921....	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13		Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1, 1922	
1922....	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19				Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31	
1923....	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18		Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 25	Dec. 30	Jan. 6, 1924
1924....	Nov. 9	Nov. 16					Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 25	Dec. 28	Jan. 4, 1925
1925....	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15				Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 25	Dec. 27	Jan. 3, 1926
1926....	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14			Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Jan. 2, 1927
1927....	Nov. 6	Nov. 13					Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1, 1928	
1928....	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18			Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 25	Dec. 30	Jan. 6, 1929
1929....	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17		Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 29	Jan. 5, 1930
1930....	Nov. 9	Nov. 16					Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 25	Dec. 28	Jan. 4, 1931
1931....	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15			Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 25	Dec. 27	Jan. 3, 1932
1932....	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13		Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1, 1933	
1933....	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19				Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31	
1934....	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18		Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 25	Dec. 30	Jan. 6, 1935
1935....	Nov. 10	Nov. 17					Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 29	Jan. 5, 1936
1936....	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15				Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 25	Dec. 27	Jan. 3, 1937
1937....	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14		Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Jan. 2, 1938
1938....	Nov. 6	Nov. 13					Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1, 1939	
1939....	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19			Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31	
1940....	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 29	Jan. 5, 1941







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